



# **Sri Sri Mounibaba**

**Life of a Saint**



**BY GURUDAS**



**SRI SRI MOUNIBABA**

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## TELEPATHY

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Man is mortal but God is immortal. In between the two, there is one who takes death at his own to reach the state of immortality from where he protects the disciple from evil. That 'one' is Gurudev. 'God' is a word of three letters created by man. 'God' of course exists, but only in the form of Supernatural Power which can never be seen, but can be felt only by the human being. But 'Gurudev' is above all. Human being can feel 'Gurudev'; and can touch 'Gurudev'.

We have gone through Bhagabat Geeta, Ramayana, Mahabharata and other religious books. From those books we come to know the names of Lord Rama, Krishna, Shiva and other Gods and Goddesses. Have we ever seen them? The answer must be 'No'. But we have seen Gurudev who has always been busy in showering his blessings to the human being. Even when 'Gurudev' takes leave of his disciple to start for heaven, he keep away his blessings for his disciples so that they can reach the state of heavenly peace. If we can telepathies by heart our sorrows and sufferings to Gurudev, he becomes eager to rescue from such sorrows and sufferings.

Gurudev is the medium, people say, to get the so called God having Supernatural Power. But I think that Gurudev is something more. Gurudev himself is the God possessing all sort of supernatural power. At the time when Gurudev lives in the heaven, he can see everything and sends message of peace to his disciples who worship him. Disciple can feel, in worship the existence of Gurudev, because he has once seen and touched Gurudev.

Gurudev is a man of telepathy. Disciple is not required to express his sorrows to Gurudev, rather Gurudev can automatically read the sorrows faced by his disciple and also cures the disciple from such sorrow by love and affection. Disciple can telepathies any message to Gurudev, the only requirement is concentration of the mind. Gurudev also receives the message showers the flowers of remedy.

In short, Gurudev is a supernatural power; he is the sole controller of the universe. I have gone through the whole contents of the book again and again and it has really touched my heart. I hope the readers of this holy book will be positively enriched spiritually, mentally and physically.

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## **DEDICATION**

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**With hearty salutation this tiny holy book is offered to the lotus feet of Sadguru Sri Sri Mounibaba as cream of spiritualism with the expectation of a satisfying force for all who are involved in worldly confusion and depression.**

**Live and let others live with humanity.**

## **SAD-GURU SRI SRI MOUNIBABA**

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Sad-Guru, the spiritual master, our refuge  
Whose role to restore humanity notably huge,

As human being very simple by nature  
Appears in society having supreme power.

Followers and devotees faithful to the master  
Blessed with elevated life after surrender;  
The most blessed a few with close connection  
Establish Godliness of Guru with determination.

As no education possible without a teacher  
Without proper guidance none can expect spiritual power;  
Sad-Guru cultivates Godliness in his disciple  
Removing darkness of ignorance as a miracle.

The successful disciple may thus boldly declare  
Lord Shiva incarnated as Sachchidananda Nath Yogiswar;  
Devotees will accept and others may contradict  
Still truth will appear at time no doubt.

Due to strong objection against publicity in life time  
No reason, however, His greatness and holiness to determine;  
Whose love for men, animals and even the trees  
Narrated in life story in a number of series.

The Yogiswar was named as Mounibaba at Dakshineswar  
As yet remembered by Monks of Mission and admirer;  
Blessed by Goddess Kali at the age of seventeen  
Hatha-Rajayogiswar bathed with divine love at Sri- Brindaban.

Based on Sri Bhagbata-Gita His teachings quite explicit  
Religion if exists now only humanity without conflict;  
True love and devotion to realise God or Almighty  
Shall only emerge from attainment of humanity.

Mounibaba stressed on discipline and tolerance  
Work as worship be done with sincerity and patience,  
Have faith on truth and need not be blind  
And also mind your duty in welfare of mankind.

Every effort of common people for worldly happiness  
Which initially pleasant but consequently brings sadness;  
Satisfaction to them beyond reach for endless desire  
While a spiritual aspirant enjoys happiness utterly sacred.

Superior man must know his soul and free from bondage  
As if a bird well fed but tries to free itself from cage,  
Unlimited wants can never be satisfactorily fulfilled  
While sacrifice and service without selfishness liked by God.

His last message rise and rouse and develop environment,  
Merciful God in you may be realised any moment;  
Just follow your master and prove the truth by practice  
And see the dawn with perfect joy and peace.

## INTRODUCTION

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Attempt in writing introduction on a mysterious spiritual life  
Amounts to bravery of a surrendered opponent in a fierce strife;  
Truthful events focussed so far heard from others and experienced  
Not enough but the lapses may mercifully be excused.

Having inspiration and blessings Gurudas decided to write  
Knowing fully well own capacity to fly just like a kite,  
Yet sincere efforts made by the grace of great master  
Despite lapses, seem to be very delightful matter.

Lotus that blossomed on His kind and loving touch  
Since offered respectfully to His lotus feet as such,  
Lord Mounibaba, the great spiritual Master may accept  
And let His servant be free from material concept.

All powerful Sad-Guru is whole and I am mere a part  
Enjoying ugly life knowing not the just and unjust;  
It was Mounibaba who unexpectedly appeared to rouse  
Throwing divine light to my ever dirty dark house.

As much I think of Him, everything appears new  
And I confuse from what angle, I shall then view,  
His holy life full of mystery beyond description  
But love for all reveals enough for recognition.

Gifted name "Gurudas" signifies most faithful servant  
Serving and acting for master as a spiritual aspirant,  
Whereas writer Gurudas here quite immatured in reality  
Begs pardon for lapses from devout readers with pity.

## PART 1

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Writing the life of a saint or super human is not an easy task based on the personal experience and something heard from other devotees. Many important events about their past domestic and personal life as well as different types of spiritual practices remain hidden and untold. Yet the efforts on inspiration from the heart seem to be the worship of Goddess Ganga with Her holy water.

Gurudas, a worldly man, on the pretext of a disciple, cannot bear in mind that Sri Sri Mounibaba, one of the greatest Saints of India, shall remain unknown for ever due to lack of publicity which was strictly prohibited by Sri Sri Mounibaba during His lifetime. He had more than one lakh disciples throughout the country including number of monks in the Himalayan States where He was known as Swami Sachchidanandaji and Mounibaba as well as Paglababa in West Bengal, Ramesh Chandra Chakraborty Brahmachari at some places and Tosh Sadhu in Karimganj Dist, Assam.

Due to his objection on publicity, disciples staying in different States have no link. Only some close disciples could meet Him and knew His address. He never stayed long at any place and made no renowned Ashram anywhere. His mysterious activities are beyond description but not even known to the disciples except a few close and attending ones. He remained mum continuously for twelve years when He was called Mounibaba. Number of times He remained mum. On the last part of His 95 year's life in material body, he used to enjoy with His close disciples and devotees as their own self, Sadguru (spiritual master) or God according to their faith and devotion, though He clearly announced that He was neither God nor was He the guru of anyone. He used to say, "I am not a Guru. God is the Guru of all. I am a primary teacher to teach you the alphabet."

According to Srimad Bhagbat Gita God Himself incarnates when the situation warrants to change the most wretched social order. Sometimes He sends His most intimate servants with special power whom we call saint, seer, sant, super human or divine beings, etc to redress miseries of faithful devotees and to enlighten ignorant people irrespective of caste and creed and even the people of different religious faiths.

God's supreme creation is human being. But practically they suffer most due to ignorance of essence of life because of their blind attachment to worldly enjoyment which ultimately creates bitterness and frustration. Further certain disqualifications like disbelief in ethics or religious rules and regulations, ethnic differences, jealousy, hatred, self interest, greed and malice, etc have threatened peace.

All social problems can never be solved by imposing laws unless people are mentally prepared. Mental preparation for peaceful living needs moral



education. Vocational education is one sided. Thus education without morality is more or less meaningless for which the present society suffers. The reason is known to all. Self interest, self satisfaction or self enjoyment do not give scope to think about virtue and vice. Hence indiscipline and corruption in every sphere of life are spreading like virus and no remedy is visible as yet.

With the advancement of science and technology, life has become easy and comfortable. Atom Bomb is better than drugs and corruption. For the unlimited wants of worldly happiness, most of the total population are suffering from delirium. The valuable remedy of the life spoiling disease is to turn their minds towards the spiritual science which will gradually change the mental state. Though it is time taking to cure the chronic disease of the society, utmost efforts should be made patiently to restore peace and humanity.

The creator of the universe, though not visible in the worldly scene, acts silently to maintain the balance of His Creation. He does not care for destruction. Creation and destruction are done at His sweet will and ignorant men cannot challenge Him. But he does not like to see the destruction of His created playing garden till the time He desires its existence.

God loves man. So he himself comes down to the house of man and acts as man to uplift the man of the society very kindly as father, mother, brother, sister, wife, husband, lover, friend and even as servant. When we think of His mercy and kindness, we must feel proud of our human life on this earth.

Similarly, when great souls with special power and direction from God come to this earth as human beings born and brought up ordinarily or in the royal family they spent their lives not for self interest but for the welfare and all round development of mankind. Most of the people except a few cannot recognise them. They set examples of their lives for education and upliftment of the mass people. They skilfully and tactfully inculcate divine qualities in men and rouse them.

While a responsible mother nurses and trains her child, the purpose of nursing and training remains hidden in her, but the child grows and develops automatically without its practical knowledge. Similarly, the saints with their spiritual power and kind endeavour train their selected spiritual aspirants or disciples in such a way that the beneficiary does not even know as to how he has climbed up the tree while tasting the sweet fruit. This is the secrecy of mercy of God or Godly man, the spiritual master called Sadguru who has oneness with the Supreme Being or God. But He has more importance than that of God for the welfare of mankind granting liberation from worldly bondage, wisdom and love for God to reach the ultimate felicity.

Sadguru lives a simple life in the midst of common people, poor and downtrodden. To Him there is no difference in men and women, rich and poor, caste and religion. He has concern with mind and not on other material factors differing man from reality. He acts as a devotee of God. He influences and leads His followers to right direction with divine light and delight. He also gives

a practical shape of the ideals of last incarnation of God.

Such a super human or a Sadguru being introduced now is Sri Sri Ramesh Chandra Chakraborty Brahmachari alias Swami Sachchidananda Nath Yogiswar (Paramhangsha) alias Sri Sri Mounibaba who was born on 16<sup>th</sup> June 1894 at Panchakhanda Nayagram in the district of Sylhet (now Bangladesh) in a respectable Brahmin family. His father Sri Ram Chandra Chakraborty and mother Srimati Sarbamangala Devi were really fortunate to have the honour of respectful parents of such a great soul.

Ramesh was the eldest son of His rich father. He was intelligent and a very brilliant student. His body was strong enough. He had much interest in music, sports and games. He became the leader of his age group in the area. For His good character and social activities, he was loved by His neighbours.

With the expectation of bright future, He was sent to Govt. High English School at Karimganj, Assam. He stayed in the hostel. While he was a student of class X, he was deeply influenced by an unknown visiting saint called Haribol Baba. Ramesh was more or less indifferent of material enjoyment of life since His very childhood. His secret quests of God or the Supreme power rose to the climax after meeting Haribol Baba and once fled away with Him.

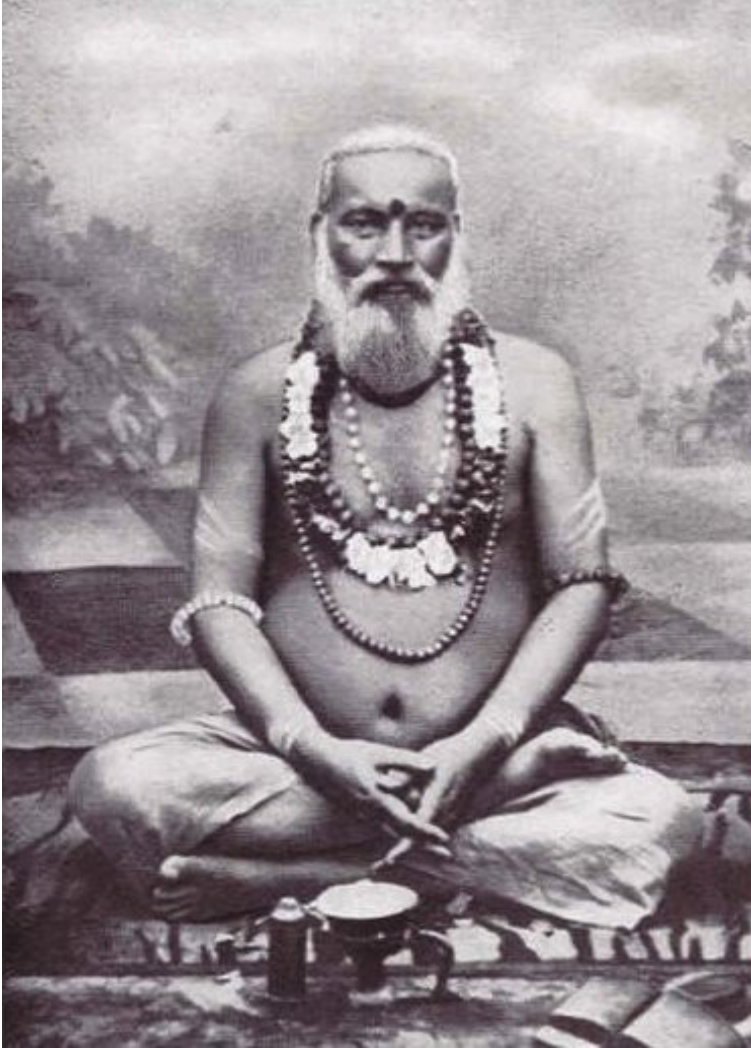
The news of His sudden running away from the hostel changed the family atmosphere with great sorrows and suspicion. His kind hearted and loving mother finding no way out surrendered to the lotus feet of God for the safety and well being of her beloved and God gifted son.

Ramesh had two younger brothers named Ramoni Mohan and Haripada and three sisters namely Kumudini, Soudamini and Suranjini. All of them were later became the disciples of Maharshi Anandamoy Brahmachari (Paramhangsha) of Kashi Dham (Banaras). Brother Haripada was a good singer of devotional songs.

While introducing the family, it is a matter of immense joy to illustrate the ideal character of an Indian woman, exemplary to the other women, a veteran Yogini and an image of devotion and love, Her Holiness Archana Bramacharini (Soudamini) the second elder sister of Mahayogeswar Sri Sri Mounibaba. The disturbing elements had to surrender to her lotus feet at Sri Brindaban and Kashi Dham because of her divine power.

It is not possible to describe her life in details in this book. Just with a few words, it is an attempt to apprise the readers about the ideal character of a helpless widow aged 24 year's only with two minor sons. Circumstances compelled her to take the firm decision to stand upon her own feet coming out of rubbish family bondage caring not the unforeseen dangers and sufferings.

The brave widow, having dormant divine power in her, came to Kashi Dham at the will of Lord Shiva (Biswanath) and Goddess Annapurna (Divine Mother).



*Maharishi Anandamoy Brahmachari Parahansa*

She had no care for dignity and false vanity and as such she employed herself as a domestic cook. She joined Sanskrit College and then Ayurvedic College and continued her studies with great troubles. She obtained her degree with

gold medal and started profession as a good physician on ayurvedic system of treatment at Shantipur (West Bengal). She gave education to her sons. Eldest son having degree in Sanskrit suddenly expired. The shock was unbearable to her yet she remained there so long her Sadguru Anandamoy Paramhansa Baba desired.

She was wholeheartedly devoted to her spiritual master. After some time with the permission of her master, she came to the village named Ranibari in the district of Karimganj (Assam) where her second younger brother Sri, Ramani Mohan Chakrabarty settled down earlier.

She purchased some hilly land for residential as well as cultivation purpose and made establishment gradually for Sri Sri Radha Gobinda and subsequently for Anandeswar Shiva at the place earmarked by her spiritual master Sri Sri Anandamoy Paramhansa Baba on cremated ashes of his material body. Thus the famous Radha Gobindo temple, Anandeswar Shiva temple and Yogna temple (where sacrifice on fire is still being done on various occasions) will ever witness her great achievement and noble deeds.

The pair of Sri Radha and Sri Gobinda, made of brass of standard size, seems to be alive were served by a devotee at Sri Vrindavan. Before her demise, she was thoughtful about the deities for their future services. Radharani directed her in dream to hand over them to Srimati Archana Brahmacharani, a true lover of Radha Gobinda, now residing at Kashi Dham. According to the description given by Radharani, the devotee told the mystery of dream and handed over the loving pair of the deity to Archana Devi who received them thankfully as a miracle.

Since then Sri Radha Gobinda became her living members as domestic deity where ever she stayed. She could settle at shantipur or at Kashi Dham. But Sri Radhagovinda cleverly brought her to Ranabari village, the hilly area probably with their secret plan to make a fresh pleasure garden or playing garden in this lonely, peaceful and beautiful hilly ground as Nawa Brindavan.

The high hill on the back side (western side) with natural beauties resembles most like Giri Ghobardhan at Sri Brindhavan. This hilly zone will one day be treated and honoured as the place of pilgrimage as per version of Sri Sri Mounibaba. MahaPrabhu Sri Chaitanya and his close devotees said to have bestowed their kind look on this hilly belt which will be saved from natural calamities and other dangers.

Presently it is evident that the land is purified by three ascetics of the highest rank who are no more in material body but their blessings as yet act in the minds of devotees and will surely act in the future days too. Seeing the conditions of numbers of devotees in kirtan (songs in the praises of Hari or Radha Krishna), people firmly announced with devotion that the seen they saw here exactly the same what had been happened at the time of Gauranga Mahaprabhu at Nawadwip five hundred years ago.

Annual festival in the month of January or February (four days from makarisaptami) in memory of Maharshi Anandamoy Bramchari is being solemnised as usual. Sacrifice on fire in the house of sacrifice in front of Shiva temple is being done as yet for world peace, safety of man and animals from natural calamities and also for the purification of environment.

Yogini Archana Brahmacharini, the devout soul, breathed her last at the age of 89 years. Just a few months ago before her demise, she said to Gurudas affectionately, "Ramesh is the most powerful super human of the world now. As you are his affectionate disciple, you must follow him and make use of his ideals for the welfare of the mankind. Save the society from ruin jointly with other organisations. I am leaving my material body soon and may not meet you again. Ramesh is your ideal and you can do I believe, God Bless You". She blessed Gurudas with her holy hand. She is alive in memory and alive in deeds.

Gurudas thinks in mind but finds no way to keep the words of Grandma. Though the life is already surrendered to the lotus feet of spiritual master, but unfortunately the response of acceptance has not yet been visualised or revealed. Blessings of saintly person will never go in vain, hence time factor is accepted for consolation to bring the mission into fruitful stage despite various obstacles.

## PART 2

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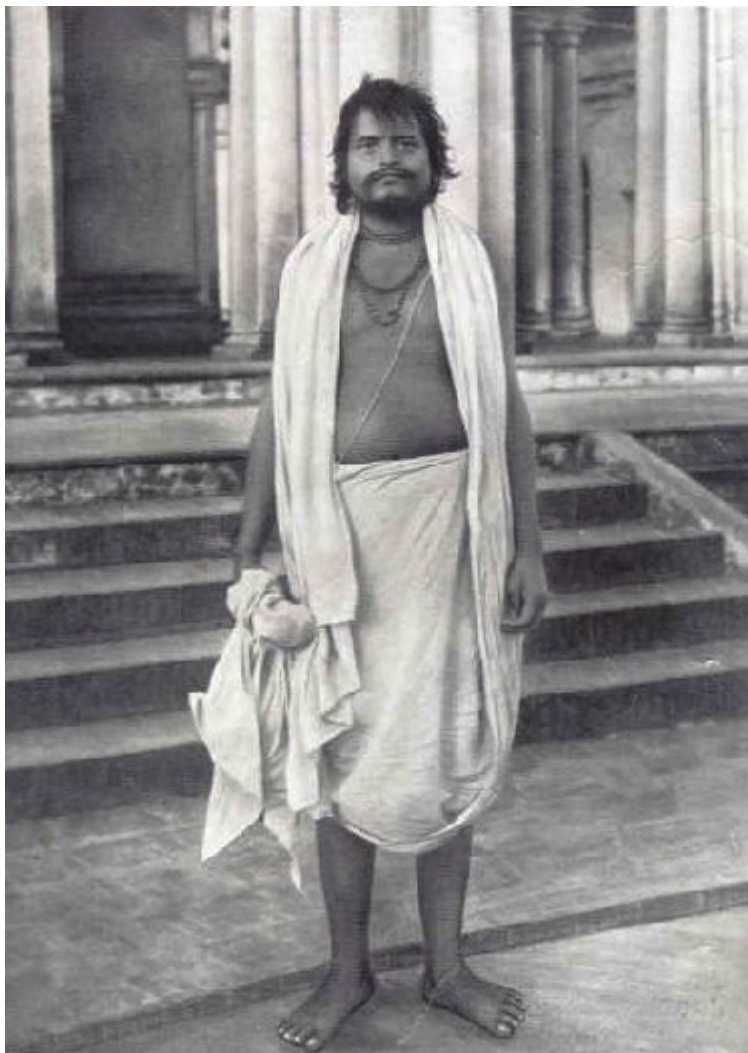
Gurudas now comes back to the topic of Ramesh who is still touring from east to west, and north to south with Haribol Baba with enthusiasm, surprise, hopes and despair as to how and when his dream for spiritual adventure shall lead him to the long cherished goal.

Ramesh came to Kashi Dham, met his sister Yogini Archana Brahmacharini and then surrendered himself to the lotus feet of Maharshi Anandamoy Brahmachari (Paramansha). On the advice and direction of his spiritual master, he then went to Dakhineswar (West Bengal) and began his spiritual practices in "Panchbati" with firm determination, devotion and self confidence at the place where Sri Ramakrishna also practised and succeeded. He set on "Panch Mundi seat" too. One night Goddess Kali, the divine mother appeared before him. The young devotee aged 17 years only lost himself with divine delight and great success.



*Goddess Kali – Dakineshwar Temple, Kolkata*

He then kept mum (silent) for twelve years and people of Dakhineswar called him "Mounibaba". Subsequently he became famous in West Bengal as Sri Sri Mounibaba.



*Sri Sri Mounibaba at Dakineshwar Temple*

He used to stay in a jungle under a big banyan tree full of poisonous snakes and jackal etc. on the bank of river Ganges. He was fearless. When lying on the ground over leaves and creepers, snakes easily moved over his body. He could feel but did not care. He told that a number of time while moving through the dense forest wild beasts and poisonous snakes did not do any harm to him.

One full moon night he was in deep meditation under the Bel tree (wood apple) in the garden of Queen Rasmoni. He heard the sound of wooden shoes coming close to him. He opened his eyes and saw a big and tall man wearing a white cloth stood before him. He did not become nervous by the power of divine mother. He vowed to Lord Shiva with folded hands. In his language and style of saying, "at the first sight you people would have died of heart failure. Ramesh Thakur's heart is very strong. So I did not fear. Baba blessed me raising His hand and vanished."



*Kali Temple – Dakineshwar, Kolkata*

He then went to Kalighat Tarapith, Kamakhya Dham and Bhubaneswari (Guwahati) and got the vision of Goddess Kali, Goddess Tara, Goddess Kamakhya and Goddess Bhubaneswari. He also got the vision of Goddess Annapurna at Kashi Dham and Goddess Bimaladevi at Puri. He was no doubt the blessed son of divine mother.



While staying at Dakhineswar (Calcutta) the silent young sadhu used to enter into the Kali Temple (Ma Bhabani) closed under lock and key at night and worshipped the Goddess with flowers and Bel Leaves. Next morning the priest of the temple could not find out the clue as to how and by whom the flowers and Bel leaves had been offered on the deity and scattered all over the floor. This incident happened many a days. The priest reported the matter with fear to the temple authorities. One night they found a sadhu offering Puja. But it remained a mystery how he entered the temple as the door was locked and also left the temple without opening the door. Then they chased him to the jungle and discovered in utter surprise that the sadhu was none but young man who was eventually known as Sri Sri Mounibaba of Dakhineswar. Then they vowed to him. That night the Divine Mother said to the Manager of the temple in dream, "My son has been fasting for a few days. He does not beg his food. From tomorrow onwards you will send one full plate Prasad to him regularly and also give him shelter in my temple area." Next day they went to silent sadhu and informed him about the dream. He smiled and accepted their offer. He was given a hut which was later known as Shanti Kuthir. However he remained in deep meditation at all times and nobody disturbed him for fear of goddess Kali who guarded the young sadhu as her blessed son.

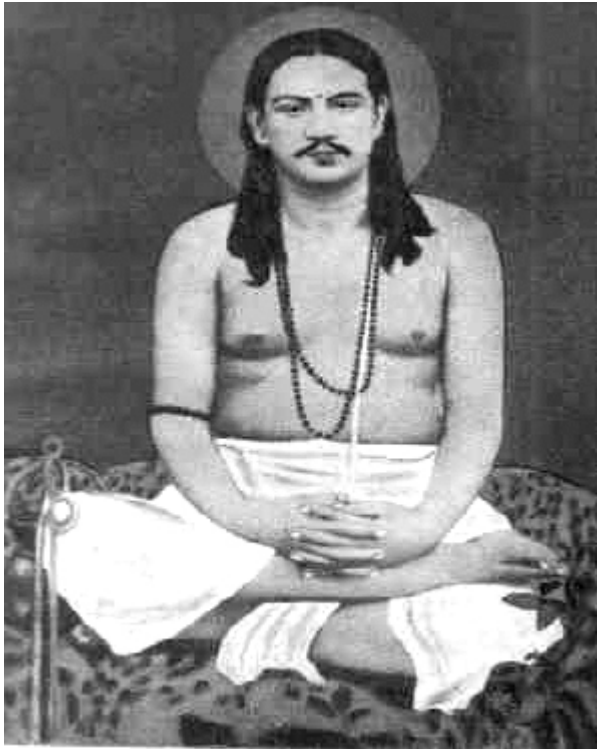


*Shanti Kuthir Hut – Panchabati, Dakineshwar*

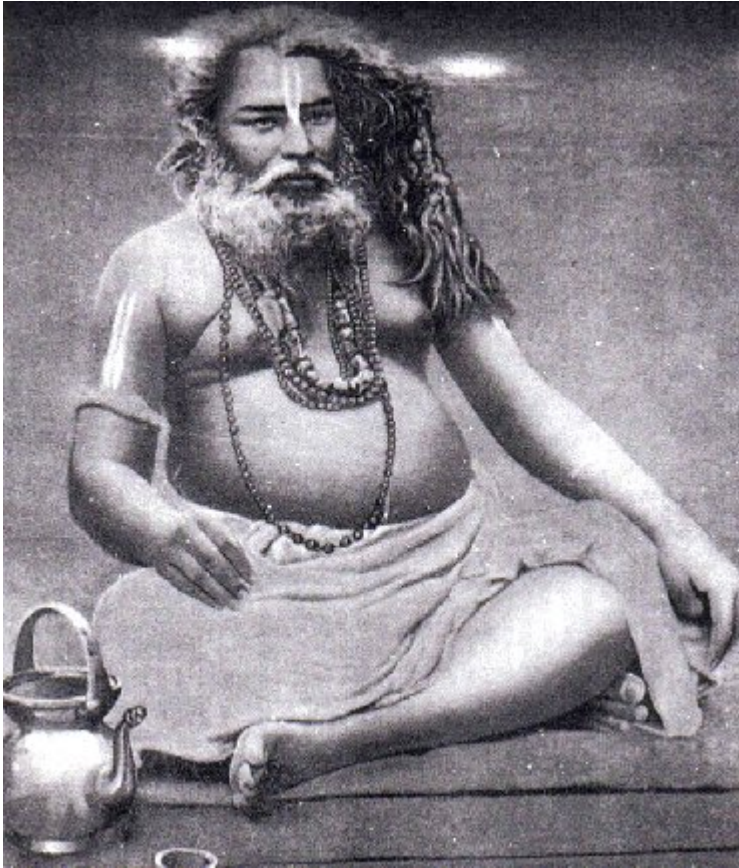
On divine direction he went for Yogic practice (Hatha-Raja Yoga) and started his sincere practices under the guidance of Yogi Guru Swami Nigamananda Saraswati Paramansha. He achieved the highest result of Yoga (Absolute

Identification) within a few years. He was renamed as Sachchidananda Nath Yogieshwer and later Swami Sachchidananda Nath Paramahansa.

His lofty aim was to achieve complete perfection in all types of spiritual knowledge and practices and as such caring not the inexpressible sufferings while staying at different areas in the Himalayas and the other parts of India. Having deep inspiration and direction from divine mother he then visited Sri Brindavan and sank into the ocean of devotion and love on the blessings of his Vaishnava Guru Sri Sri Vishweswar Goswami of Radha Kunda, the disciple of Sri Sri Vijay Krishna Goswami.



*Swami Nigamananda Saraswati Paramansa*



*Vijay Krishna Goswami*

His devoted attachment with Sri Radha Govinda turned him into the ocean of love. Though he tried to hide himself, yet his activities revealed him as the incarnation of love. He was seen or realised by different devotees and disciple in different forms according to their devotion and faith. However Sri Sri Mounibaba quite successful in his spiritual adventure reaching the top came back to the society to redress the misery of men and women as spiritual guide (Sad Guru).

He was really a friend and well-wisher of the poor and downtrodden. He tried silently to uplift them both socially and economically even by taking alms at times till the end of his material life. Most of the people he helped in such

ways are now well established in the society and rest are also happily dwelling in buildings. To them Sri Sri Mounibaba is an ideal and own self and is worshiped as God. His actual identification is well nigh impossible. He seems to be Lord Shiva, Lord Krishna, Goddess Kali, and Sri Radhika. These mysteries will remain unsolved forever.

Though he tried to hide himself, one night before his last eternal journey from the material world, he told his very close disciples as consolation that he would always remain in Shiva Mantra *"Om Namasthuvyom Birupaksha Namaste Divya Chakshushe Nomo Pinakohastayo Bojro Hastaya Boi Nomo"* and his devotees will see him while singing Krishna Kirtan with full attention. This has come true to the life of many fortunate devotees including Gurudas. As Sri Sri Mounibaba was against publicity he did not allow establishing a big Ashram in spite of repeated prayers by his wealthy disciple. He always used to say, "My Ashram is in the heart of my disciple, first you attain humanity. Be active and honest. Be a man as I want. I don't want name and fame. I am not a beggar of material wealth but a beggar of love."

He further added "your life is very precious. You should know its value in real sense, and this body is your dwelling house for a short period. An enlightened life is successful in all respect. You can love me and others if you really love yourself, help the needy if possible without self interest. Riches alone cannot bring happiness without peace of mind. To have peace for self and society, turn your mind inward. Service to men is service to God. Render possible help without taking bribes or expecting any return. You will get the return from God as much you cannot expect. God is everywhere. You cannot see him but he sees you, hears you and saves you from danger whether you love him or not. He tries to see you happy. You suffer due to your own fault."

He expressed with deep regret on the world affairs and said "I want some men and women, honest, sincere, dutiful, disciplined and free from worldly barriers to save mankind from delirium and open race for destruction. I accept disciple not for earning but for their moral and spiritual upliftment. A change will come gradually when people will understand the futility of material life".

## PART 3

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The successful spiritual aspirant entered family life on the advice of his preceptor with a view to have perfection in human life. His wife full of beauty and superior qualities, Sri Manada Sundari Devi surrendered herself in the service of her saintly husband.

Parents, relatives and neighbours breathed with satisfaction and joy in getting back their beloved Ramesh after a long gap. Old parents were happy on the ground that he would shoulder the burden of family. But the saint had no interest in domestic happiness. So long he was attached to family life; he remained busy with his spiritual practices. His wife became happy with 3 sons. Life was almost normal. She could never think that the saintly husband would quit home and family bondage so soon though he was quite indifferent about domestic affairs.

During his stay at home, he spent maximum times in the house of the domestic deity. He used to recite the Gita and The Chandi (a sacred book of Hindus relating to goddess Durga, the goddess of power). His recitation was unique. It was not at all possible on the part of a worldly man to recite Chandi for 9 times without a break in one sitting. Normally, a one time reading takes 2 to 3 hours. Purpose of such inhuman activity was for rousing the goddess of power and rousing the women of the world with spiritual power.

During that period sufficient fresh milk was easily available in the village area. So, porridge had to be cooked and distributed among the boys and girls of the village and also some were given to the birds and animals in the nearby garden on the leaves of jack fruits and banana trees. Pineapple and other fruits were also purchased and distributed. As the financial condition of the family was very sound nobody objected to his activities. All along he was busy with some works. He could not tolerate idleness as the human life is for work and not to be spent in gossiping. He had thorough knowledge in Vedanta and other religious scriptures. Not only to ordinary people, even to the university scholars he was a mystic.

Having been detached from family bondage he went to Rishikesh (Himalayas) and settled there with the ambition of knowing more and more spiritual secrecy through the practices of austerities and deep meditation. While travelling to Kumaon, Garhwal, Himachal Pradesh, Tibet and many other places, thousands of people surrendered to his lotus feet. He was known as Swami Sachchidanandaji.

An interesting event was that while he was travelling, he reached an unknown place later known as Bombay and stayed there for a few days under a big banyan tree. His easy carrying bedding contained only 2 gunny bags. People of the surrounding areas came to see the glaring saint with surprise. Anything offered to him like money, food and cloth etc were distributed among the poor

and the beggars then and there. His diet was nominal. A gentleman came to visit the young glaring saint on hearing from his own men. He was so pleased that he brought some milk in a white coloured mug everyday for the young saint who informed his happiness and comforts under the open sky and as such he didn't agree to shift to any house on request. He then left Bombay for southern states after 3 - 4 days. On hearing the repeated praises of the gentleman about his devotion, dedication and sacrifice for the cause of Indians as well as mankind, the curious disciples insisted on telling the name and in the language of the saint, "ah! He was your Mahatma Gandhi." then he became silent for a moment.

He had a good number of disciples in Calcutta and other parts of West Bengal. The prominent and close devoted disciples may kindly excuse Gurudas who is unable to publish their names in this small book but their pure names are already noted in the large book of the nature at the direction of the supreme spiritual master. Gurudas also prays for blessings from those devout who are alive but unknown to him and those who have taken peaceful shelter for ever on the lotus feet of the spiritual master on liberation from the material world.

A few names well known to Gurudas are noted without proper description of their pious lives who deserve inclusion of their names with their playful spiritual master. Out of them Sri Haridas Sadhu, a resident of Boranagar, was greatly influenced by Sri Sri Mounibaba at the age of twelve years only. He was working in Apex Bank Calcutta and was married. He served his spiritual master as God at his residence at Boranagar and at the flat on Vivekananda Road whenever his master desired. He passed away at the age of 82 years. He followed the ideals of his master till the end of his life.

Kumari Anjali Shah, niece of Sri Haridas sadhu with her sweet voice used to sing devotional songs especially the melodious songs on the plays by Sri Radha-Krishna at Sri Brindaban in the pleasure of her spiritual master Mounibaba who enjoyed those songs and sank into the ocean of divine love. It has become her daily spiritual routine even today also to sing at least one song in daily prayer for the pleasure of her master. Her regularity and sincerity in the services of her spiritual master have not been reduced even after His demise.

Sri Biswanath Sen descendant of renowned devout Ram Prasad Sen was a true devoted disciple of Sri Sri Mounibaba. Though he was a family holder yet he spent his life like a saint. He visited Himalayas fourteen times including Kedarnath, Badrinath, Yomunatri, Gangatri, etc. and met a number of saints in quest of God. He surrendered himself fully at the lotus feet of Sadguru Sri Sri Mounibaba. Recently before his expiry at the age of 84 years, in a meeting with Gurudas in Calcutta Sri Sen shed tears and said, "Brother what I am today, it is all due to the mercy of Baba. He was not a man; he was God in form of human body. People believe or not but it is a fact my mind says you can maintain his ideal and keep Baba alive by His power. I am leaving this body soon. May Baba bless you to make his mission successful."

The whole family of Sri Biswanath Sen including his parents are followers of Sri Sri Mounibaba. Sri Biswanath Sen was frontline freedom fighter. At the age of 16 years only he was a terror in the eyes of the then administration and was sent to jail number of times. Along with his other comrades hanging to death was sure in his case too. His parents fell on the feet of Sri Sri Mounibaba to save the life of their son Bishu. The Godly person Sri Sri Mounibaba gave them consolation and said, "go let me see what can I do for him". On the day of trial, pleader of the party and some others attending the court saw clearly with surprise that Sri Sri Baba was standing behind the magistrate on the wall with smiling face. The magistrate seeing the fair looking boy Sri Biswanath Sen took pity on him and pardoned him with an undertaking. Briefly the matter is stated here as heard from Sri Biswanath Sen just to show the spiritual power of the saint which is not a folk tale.

After that Sri Biswanath Sen was initiated by Sri Sri Mounibaba. During his entire service life, Sri Sen always used to visit Sri Sri Baba even at Hrishikesh, Ranibari (Assam) and other places. He tried to make link with the disciple brothers. He tried his best to establish a permanent big Ashram for Sri Sri Mounibaba in liaison with other devotees and also formed a committee duly registered in Calcutta. Since Sri Sri Baba was against name and fame three hundred bighas of land donated for establishment of Ashram were later distributed among the landless poor people. Small pieces of land at different places donated to Sri Sri Baba were also returned to them with thanks. Not only Sri Biswanath Sen, many other devotees had the same complaint that they had no ashram or identity like other organisations.

In reply in the own words of Sri Sri Baba "Don't make me your Guru by advertisement. So long I am alive you cannot do anything. After my demise if you want to do you can do for your own satisfaction only. If you really love your guru or have respect for Him, be man and attain humanity. My mission is to uplift man and to inculcate humanity. You want to make a big ashram or organisation to establish your Guru. What you are seeing everywhere outwardly you cannot visualise its real appearance. Your Guru has seen and experienced. So I tell you to be man first, free from greed, selfishness, malice, etc. Your little contribution will be of great value. Try to understand."

Among other prominent disciple and devotees of Calcutta known to Gurudas are: Sarbasri Tarak Chandra Chandra of Manicktala Main Road, Bimal Mitra of Subhabazar Royal Family, Debendra Mandal, Malina Bala Raha, Jeevan Choudhury, K.C.Paul, Mrityunjoy Manna of Howrah, Ramkrishna Mandal of Howrah, Bijon Bihari Dutta, Pachanan Dutta, Jivan Krishna Panja of Mansuka, Kalipada Das of Talliganj, Ram Kumar Chatterjee, Bangshi Lal Chakraborty, Haripada Paul, Dr Kashi Sankar Maitra, Muktakashi Manna of Mansuka, Purna Chandra Dey, Dr J.K.Ghose of Siliguri, Sudhir Chandra Das of Dum Dum and many others who always attended their spiritual masters and served Him as far as possible so long Sri Sri Baba was touring in West Bengal.

While staying at Mansuka village in Howrah district at the house of Sri Jivan

Krishna Panja, some land was donated to Sri Sri Mounibaba by Sri Mrityunjay Manna at the bank of Damodar River. However the disciple constructed Guru Mandir which is known as Anandamoy Brahma Vidyashram. Devotees from various parts of West Bengal used to visit the ashram. They attended festivals and got the chance to serve their master. Gurudev stayed there whenever he desired .He liked the place for its natural views and loneliness similar to early stage of Dakhineshwer for deep meditation.



*Anandamoy Brahma Vidyashram - Mansuka*

His stay at Mansuka and establishment of Ashram had some magnificent events. Dhiru, the son of Sri Jivan Krishna Panja of Mansuka village was declared dead due to snake bit. One of the disciples of Sri Sri Mounibaba advised Sri Panja to go to Sri Sri Baba staying at the Royal family of Kalna and to pray for his life. Accordingly, Sri Panja went and prayed to Baba with tears as a last resort when the snake charmers and doctors failed to cure the victim. He agreed to go. He examined the patient and started sounding of "OM" sitting on his body .Gradually with spiritual power Sri Sri Baba absorbed poison in his own body in presence of hundreds of people and gave a new life to Dhiru. The crowd loudly declared that Sri Sri Baba was not a man but an incarnation of Lord Shiva.

Sri Jivan Krishna Panja later brought Sri Sri Mounibaba at his residence at Monshuka with sincere prayers and paid full attention to his services having being initiated. That wonderful news attracted people of the surrounding areas. They started coming to visit the saint for his blessings. Some came for material gain and others for spiritual



upliftment. The saint accepted their devoted prayers and as a result he became very popular in that area. That area was inhabited mostly by lower class but very simple and devoted people who respected and looked at him surprisingly. For his simplicity as well wisher of the poor and downtrodden, the rustic loved as their own self. They used to serve him and do Krishna Kirtan before him for his pleasure.

Gurudev was very happy with these poor devotees. He helped them with food, cloths, etc, donated by his rich disciple. He frequently visited their houses and affectionately advised and inspired them for their well being. He gave them lectures on Gita and Bhagavadh to uplift them and to redress their misery. The rustic forgot their poverty and spiritual strength of mind. They paid full attention to their domestic works on the inspiration of Sri Sri Baba. Even today the people talk of the mysterious life of Baba who was like a mother, father, friend and as own self. Sri Sri Baba apprised them saying "God has no concern with higher or lower class people, he sees the mind of his devotees and their activities, He loves his devotees irrespective of cast and creed and rich or poor". It is a matter of great pleasure that on the blessings of Sri Sri Baba, the people of this area are now living happily with all round development.

Gurudas had similar experience in a village inhabited by lower class people of the society. He was surprised to see their devotion and faith in God and respect for superior. It is not an exaggeration that our religion is practised knowingly or unknowingly through daily life by the common people and the people treated so long as lower class. Their devotion and love for God opens our eyes. Divine plays of the incarnation of Gods at Sri Vrindavan and Nawadwip with most ordinary people honoured as real devotees remind us of the secrecy of spiritual gains and reality of successful human life. The devotees have the place in spiritual field above the higher class or higher cast people in the eyes of Almighty God. Mahaprabhu Chaitanya Dev the incarnation of love kindly brought with him and sowed the seeds of devotion and love and introduced Krishna Kirtan as the best media for perfection of human life. He tried to remove the differences in men on the ground of birth in higher or lower class.

Sadguru Sri Sri Mounibaba maintained similar views, as he did not differentiate men in terms of cast or social status. It was seen at times that some rich man, officers and scholars were not allowed to meet him whereas some ordinary hawkers and labourers were allowed to visit Baba and were mercifully initiated even. His mysterious activity was beyond imagination. He did not think of bread and butter. He remained satisfied with any kind of food offered or automatically produced to him. Being the preceptor of Kings and novel men, sometimes he used to beg minor things such as vegetables, chillies or a small quantity of cooked vegetables, tea and sugar from poor houses. Having been asked the reason for such begging, he clearly replied that the poor villagers should not be deprived of service to God. God or Godly person knows the minds of devotees passing days through poverty. By virtue of such begging and giving, the almighty God removes the poverty of such givers.

## PART 4

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Due to division of India, the family of Mounibaba shifted to the village Ranibari in Karimganj district of Assam. Prominent disciples in Calcutta made link with Sri Sri Mounibaba as well as his family at a very distressed condition. Sri Sri Baba came to Ranibari from Hrishikesh with some disciples from Calcutta. However, an Ashram was made at Ranibari for the settlement of the family in 1949. Sri Sri Baba stayed there for about 2 years and engaged in his ascetic practice of austerities in the midst of five fires (burnt day and night with husk of paddy). Thus people called him Tush Sadhu. Devotees from West Bengal and other parts of the country started coming to Ranibari and used to make communication with their spiritual master.

After two years Gurudev again left for Hrishikesh via Calcutta. He again stayed at Mansuka Ashram and other places for seeing the pitiable condition of the refugees. They often came to the saint for help. Food and cloth including blankets and utensils were distributed to the poor refugees. Money and cloth offered by devotees to the saint were distributed amongst the poor and the beggars then and there.

He never stayed at any place for a long time for fear of name and fame. Whenever he stayed for sometime at any place neighbouring inhabitants used to come to visit the saint and to have his blessings. Some people used to come for redressing their miseries, diseases and also with the expectation of solving their various domestic problems. Some people came to examine the spiritual power or holiness of the saint. Some came with evil intention to spoil the divine career and some to receive spiritual power from the saint cleverly for material prosperity and enjoyment of happy life. Only a few devotees came for own spiritual upliftment and surrendered to the lotus feet of the spiritual master.

However, Sri Sri Mounibaba changed the life of many into real devotees. For an instance, Sri Kalipada Das of Talligunj who was the owner of modern photo studio at Dharamtala, Calcutta, on hearing the powerful activities of the young Sadhu went to Dakhineswar to examine the truth. He initially tried to ridicule Him first and asked the saint to show him Lord Shiva, otherwise He will have to quit Calcutta. Sri Sri Baba smiled at him with sympathy. He asked him to come with a tiger skin. Sri Kalipada Das came with a tiger skin after a few days and handed it over to Baba. Sri Sri Baba entered his room and sat on his seat wearing the tiger skin and then called him. Sri Kalipada Das entered with curiosity and lost himself at the unexpected sight. Sri Sri Baba touched his body to bring his sense. Thereafter, Sri Das completely surrendered to the lotus feet of the spiritual master without anymore doubt. Since then he worshipped his guru as Lord Shiva till he breathed his last and reached the top level of the spiritual world by the grace of his guru. Gurudev, stayed at the house of Sri Kalipada Das for sometimes. During this period the family of Gurudev was brought for somedays at the house of Sri Kalipada Das.

Gurudev worshipped Guruma (his wife) Srimati Manada Sundari Devi as goddess Kali. The disciples and devotees from various parts of West Bengal surprisingly saw this event and they had no doubt about the supremacy of Sri Sri Mounibaba as Lord Shiva.

At Dakhineswar one devotee known as the mother of Gopal (child form of Sri Krishna) in her daily worship offered ball of sweet meat, cream and fruits. She sang divine songs relating to Lord Krishna saying, "O my Gopal come by dancing and eat with pleasure etc." Sri Sri Mounibaba hearing the song used to come to the devotee by dancing, sat on her lap and ate what had been offered to the deity. The devotee felt herself thankful and fortunate to feed her lively gopal. This Yogini spent sleepless night in deep meditation.

Once at Kashi Dham Sri Sri Baba spent whole day at Dashaswamedh Ghat without taking food out of anger or as his mysterious play. His sister Srimati Archana Brahmacharini brought him home with request and promise that he would be served with only cream and fresh butter etc, as per his demand and accordingly he was given. His playful activities were meaningful to the devotees. He remained most happy and engaged to himself and deep meditation during the recitation of Gita, Bhagbat and Krishna Kirtan. His stressed on reading of Gita, Krishna Kirtan and silent repetition of name of God given by guru preferably in time with respiration at all times. This sort of practice will surely help in self control, oral discipline, devotion to God and restoration of peace.

One day a special kirtan was arranged at His desire at Ranibari Ashram. He was asking for jackfruit to be offered to Mahaprabhu in "malsabhog". It was not the season of jackfruit and hence could not be collected. But he was not prepared to accept this excuse. Suddenly a disciple saw one small jackfruit hanging on the tree. It was brought and shown to Gurudev with delight. He was also very happy. Then another problem arose that the fruit was not ripe. He was silent. Another disciple after sometime curiously touched the fruit and cried with joy that the fruit had become ripe. Thus, the spiritual power of the saint could be visualised, with surprise by the devotees. Nothing was impossible for him. What he desired or uttered might have been fulfilled.

He had no greed for any sort of material things or material comforts. Both the summer and winter were equal to Him. In summer season he used to sink his body under hot sand in the bank of the river Ganges looking towards the sun at noon. Similarly, he used to sink his body except nose into water in winter for the whole night in river Ganges. Such activities had been witnessed by his close disciples and local people, as stated by Biswanath Sen, Sri Haridas Sadhu, Sri Tarak Chandra and many other old disciples. Sometimes he pretended to be suffering from cold even after wearing woollen cloths and garments. In no time he threw all clothes from his body and became almost naked at night. His play like a child was beyond imagination.

Once Gurudas gave Him a good blanket in the winter season. He kindly accepted with joy and wore it that night. Next day he gave that particular

blanket to some other devotee, on which Gurudas felt unhappy. The saint could study the mind of others. He smiled and said to Gurudas, "well, your blanket is really nice and very warm don't worry I have accepted it. See, I do not use such warm thing which does not suit my body. I use katha made of cotton cloth. You better give me a pair of cotton chadar (shawl) which will be used by me regularly." Gurudas however, offered Him the same immediately and his joy knew no bound by the grace of Sadguru. Those chadars were used by him till the end of his life. Rich devotees offered him valuable woollen shawls, cloth, gold, etc. He initially accepted with pleasure but distributed amongst the pious and needy persons without delay, keeping nothing for personal use. His plays till the end of material life remained a mystery.

His playful activities were endless. One most intimate devoted disciple engaged in service of Gurudev, told while coming from Ashram at one night she was suddenly caught by hailstorm. She had no umbrella but miraculously not a single hail stone fell on her head. She reached home safely by the grace of Shiva Guru. She told another event in the ashram that on the occasion of celebration of birthday of Gurudev, hotchpotch and porridge were offered on "Bhog". Mahaprasad was kept in two medium pots for distribution amongst the devotees. Without invitation, people started coming for Mahaprasad. Day and night mahaprasad was distributed from the said two pots to devotees with their full satisfaction. Similar miraculous events were experienced at many places by the devotees. Sri Kushi Ranjan Bhattacharjee a devoted disciple also intimated similar events while Gurudev was at Imphal.

One black she goat named Kali without kid used to give her milk for the service of Gurudev, till she was alive at Ranibari Ashram for a number of years. It is also a miracle.

Once on the occasion of whole day kirtan at Ranibari Ashram in September 1977 the stormy weather condition made all thoughtful. On hearing the matter Gurudev came out and looked at the sky for a few minutes. Then he told that the cloud would move soon towards other direction and surprisingly the sky became clear. The function was successfully completed.

One night due to heavy storm and rains the roof of the house flew away except the portion where Gurudev was sleeping. The room was flooded with rain water. The most interesting event was that twelve numbers of open lamps burning for twenty-four hours with K.oil throughout the year did not go out in such heavy storm.

If all the known events are incorporated it will be a large book of thousand pages. As such a few important events are incorporated for information of the readers to form an idea of the great soul, Sri Sri Mounibaba. The spiritual power of a top ranking yogi is unlimited and beyond the imagination of common people. So, the word miracle is usually used. It matters little, you believe or not, the most powerful yogi's or saints of India have such spiritual power that they can create and destroy at their will when such necessity arises. They can give life to the dead and can do so many unbelievable things

as nothing is impossible to God and so also to Godly persons. Those fortunate devotees who have got the chance to meet and to serve such great soul do not give any importance to such miraculous activities which may be the matter of surprise to the common people only. The thought of great souls flies in such a height where they lose their worldly sense and therefore, the real identity of the saint or such super human remains hidden or untold. The speaker or writer becomes mum (silent) at such a stage where he loses his own identity or existence. It is a matter of self realisation through deep love and devotion to the lotus feet of great spiritual master or God according to faith and belief.

Sometimes some unbelievable events take place by the power of the saint in absence of his material knowledge. It may happen when a devotee prays with full attention and devotion to his master for rescue at juncture, the divine power of the master responds and acts in such a way that the power holder does not know the fact. Though the example is not appropriate here but to clarify the doubt it may be stated that many petty things are done in the name of President of the country without his personal knowledge.

The spiritual world is seen or visited by the persons living in the material world through practice. This mortal body is the ground where mind acts following the right path shown by His powerful spiritual master to reach the ultimate goal, the stage of joy and divine love for which human life is placed on the top of all creations by God.

Wife of Sri Tarak Chandra of Maniktala Main Road, the most devoted and dedicated disciple, saw the vision of Sadguru and paid her gratitude raising both the folded hands at the time of passing away as if complete rest in peace with smiling face. Her husband Sri Tarak Chandra whom Gurudev loved very much for his devotion and intelligence, also passed away with full satisfaction and joy. The earth bears irrespirable loss on the death of such ideal lives.

Sri Bimal Mitra and his wife, born in the royal families, so simple, devoted and dedicated in the services of their spiritual master set examples in the spiritual fields. Once on the occasion of Shivratri special "Bhog" containing boiled potatoes, pure cow ghee, milk, sweets and fruits was offered to Shivaguru before his photograph in Calcutta when Guru Mounibaba was at Ranibari Ashram in Assam. Gurudev accepted the "Bhog" and expressed with delight saying "their devotion knew no bound." A devotee named Sri Binoy Bhattacharjee present in the Ranibari Ashram at that time informed this truthful event to Sri Bimal Mitra when came to Ranibari Ashram after a few days. On hearing the unexpected event both Bimal Mitra and his wife fell on the feet of Gurudev the Almighty Lord Shiva in human form to liberate the ignorant people from the worldly bondage with the light of spiritual truth. The ascetic of the highest rank always tried to hide but sometimes He was caught at the hands of intimate disciples through His divine play.

## PART 5

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Sri Sri Mounibaba, after the world tour in both material body and ethereal body, suddenly came to Ranibari Ashram in 1967, where his family had been residing. The members of the family and villagers were astonished at his sudden arrival after 16 years. His wife was very happy to attend her godly husband and accordingly all possible efforts were made for his services. The saint who had absolute identification with god only knew the purpose of his visit to the ashram, however the important events took place during that period would be narrated in the succeeding paragraphs.

The most important event was the initiation of a couple. The person was ambitious since boyhood. He had a struggled life. He completed his studies with great difficulties due to poverty. He had a wrong idea that salvation could be achieved by self practice with the help of religious books. As such there was no need to search for a preceptor. God was provably smiling on the childish effort and lofty ambition. The poor man had to face problems one after another and his domestic life was also miserable. His wife advised to take refuge under a powerful preceptor to redress the miseries.

Repetition of the name of God as the means of salvation or perfection of human life had been practiced since his boyhood. Moreover, the young man vowed to Sri Ramkrishna as his preceptor. Since Sri Ramkrishna was no more in material body the question of acceptance of another preceptor did not arise. However, he had made a promise that if a real saint by chance came into his life voluntarily, who could know his mind and convince him, he would then accept him as his spiritual master. God was probably smiling with joy to give shelter to his ignorant devotee accepting the challenge with pity and sympathy.

He came to Ranibari with family to see his mother in her death bed. He reached home on 17<sup>th</sup> September 1967 at night. The next day early in the morning he sat with a cup of tea in his hand on the bed of his ailing mother. She was bodily very weak but mentally strong for early liberation from her material body. On a query she replied that she was very happy to leave her material body before her Godly spiritual master and maternal uncle. During such discussion the mysterious spiritual master suddenly arrived calling the young man by name - Ketaki who was later given the name "Gurudas" by Mounibaba.

All the members of the family paid their respect to Him. He himself expressed in his language, "Well, I have come now for a special reason. Last night, while engaged in meditation I saw your arrival at Ranibari with family. Call your wife I will initiate (diksha) both of you right now as directed by God." As a result all were surprised but the ailing mother of Gurudas was very happy and she insisted her son and daughter-in-law to accept the desire of Gurudev as divine blessings.

The poor Gurudas found no other way to escape yet he put various questions before Gurudev who affectionately convinced Gurudas. Finding no other suitable argument Gurudas agreed to surrender but wanted to go for a bath before initiation. The saint stopped him and his wife saying, "Well, you are not at all impure. See nobody goes to the pond to wash before going to the Ganges. The holy water of Ganges purifies all past sins. Similarly, initiation by Sadguru with his holy touch washes all sins and further more removes ignorance and guides to reach the ultimate goal with rapturous delight." At last the victorious spiritual master completed his task of initiation and said ironically, "poisonous snake has bitten you today, this poison can never be removed by any snake charmer and it will gradually move upwards." Then he got up and moved towards the ashram with blessings to the family. The ailing mother of Gurudas, Srimati Rajabala Devi, the beloved niece and devoted disciple of Sri Sri Mounibaba, blessed her son and daughter-in-law saying with great delight "Baba my maternal uncle is a super human. You do not know but I have seen his inhuman activities in my early life. You surrender to His lotus feet without hesitation and follow Him blindly. My life is ending. I am leaving my material body soon. As mother my blessings will always remain with you and this much I can say that the last part of your life will be peaceful by the grace of Sadguru who told me about your future life. I will not say anymore now".

The newly initiated disciple wanted to pay something as dakshina but the master said "Don't worry I have accepted you and I will realise my dues in course of time when you will be really able to pay dakshina to your Guru. Well there is nothing in the world by which debt of spiritual master can be refunded by a disciple. But he can pay dakshina if he becomes really a devotee." The initially arrogant disciple could realise the influence of Sadguru on the same day of initiation. According to the advice of his mother he went to the ashram in the evening and was wondering outside the house. Gurudev, was doing his sacrifice on fire inside the house. Suddenly he said to his nephew "well, go and see, Ketoki is wondering outside out of shy- bring him here." He came inside and paid homage to Gurudev.

He was looking towards the activities of Gurudev and listening to instruction on Gita and Upanishad. Suddenly a black poisonous snake entered the room disturbing the peace of all. Gurudev stopped the noise by throwing some ash from the sacrificial fire place towards that direction and the snake obediently went out. Gurudev gave some ash on the palm of all devotees and told them to go home without fear.

However, spiritual capacity of the saint was noticed with surprise on the first day of initiation. Gurudas was unmindful all day long. But on hearing the discussion of spiritual matters and advice to disciples, he became normal with joy and believed that he had got the sadguru by the grace of God. Since then he used to visit ashram every day. Gurudev told him to purchase a copy of Gita and to read daily. Due to sudden change of mind and belief on the greatness of spiritual master, the ailing mother of Gurudas was very much

happy. After three days Gurudas left home for his duty station in Nagaland believing that his mother would come round soon as she had no troubles in her body.

After a few days the mother of Gurudas passed away miraculously. In the morning she called her eldest daughter Srimati Jogamaya Devi to stay with her for the last time, as she would leave her body that night. The beloved daughter really came and stayed with her mother. Both of them sang devotional songs in the evening and after taking meal the daughter was requested to sleep stating that she would call her at the time of death. Though it was unbelievable but at the time of death mother called everybody in house to wake up and to give water into her mouth with the name of domestic deity Sri Sri Lakshminarayan. She uttered the name of Guru and Narayan several times and passed away keeping her head on the lap of her beloved daughter, in the month of December 1967. In the similar way father of Sri Gurudas Sri Kamini Mohan Bhattacharjee, a devoted disciple of Sri Sri Mounibaba passed away 5 years ago in January 1962. He also predicted his death in the morning in presence of some respectable man of the village. At noon, Puja performance of Sri Lakshmi Narayan was done as usual. He took Mahaprasad and went to bed. Suddenly he was attacked by severe fever and announced that he would leave his body soon which was unbelievable to the members of the family. Doctor came in the evening to examine further and to give him medicine but by that time the patient already passed away.

The depth of relationship between Sadguru and his disciples cannot be expressed by words. It is a matter of self realisation by the fortunate disciples who have got shelter at the lotus feet of Sadguru and have completely surrendered at his will. Spiritual upliftment or success needs devotion and firm faith on the words of Sadguru who has realised truth and has become the image of truth. If anyone wants to enjoy successful human life he must surrender to the lotus feet of Sadguru as God in the form of super human. Mercy of Sadguru is bestowed on the devotees without reason. Sadguru also grants material prosperity to the devotees with knowledge of reality and permanency of the worldly happiness, wealth and its disposal. Thirst for material happiness can never be satisfied as if ghee or firewood consumed by fire. On the other hand thirst for salvation from worldly bondage can gradually be satisfied by virtue of faith and devotion to Sadguru. So, real and permanent happiness dwells in sacrifice and not in worldly enjoyment being the slave of passion.

In Srimad Bhagavad Gita, the various types of devotees, different nature and qualities of human being by birth have been clearly mentioned. Ways for realising the self and the Supreme Being are different but the goal is one and the same. Despite clear explanations and discussions on the subject by great souls from time to time, people of different faiths still contradict. Hence, there is friction. Peace loving man tries sincerely to convince and to bring a massive change in the society. It is a matter of delight that service without self interest and sincere efforts with love have a tremendous effect on the people by mercy of the Creator playing with His Creation



A patient does not like to take the bitter pills, yet the doctor or nurse has to apply in order to cure the disease. The face of a playful boy grows pale when he is told to open his book. Yet the guardian does not give up his moral duty. In the same way people ignorant of truth and trusted on untruth to satisfy thirst in the illusion of mirage, should, therefore, be told repeatedly with patience the secret mystery of superior human life. In doing such pure duty and trusted by God, the great souls endure tremendous criticism and sufferings.

Sadguru Sri Sri Mounibaba often used to say, "It is the time of calamity now. Most people are running after material gain and happiness legally or illegally without caring the consequence. Greed, corruption, malicious action, disbelief in religion as well as saints, social injustice in rights and duties, selfishness, denial of truth or God and many other sinful activities have given birth to unrest in the world. Most of the nations are engaged in open competition for destruction. This talent could have been utilised in the well being and overall development of mankind."

He also ironically said, "The Creator has no fear for fatal destruction being planned by irrational people for the obvious reason that total destruction and new creation are done at His sweet will. Playful man forgets their limited capacity and knowledge. But god is anxious for destruction of idealism resulting in sufferings of his devotees. So, He kindly sent his close servants to redress the miseries of devotees and to guide and to lead the ignorant and cruel hearted towards the right direction of divine joy by virtue of self development. When the situation is worst and beyond control, He himself incarnates for restoration of peace and idealism as we know from the history."

In this regard Sri Sri Mounibaba's advice to his disciples is very simple and clear. Be man first, treat others as your brothers and sisters when mind is developed treat the mankind as your own and at the final stage you will feel your oneness with the Universe. No proper religion exists now. Religious practices are meaningless unless you love your own soul. If you know your own soul and love it you cannot hate others. So, you try to know yourself first in your religious practice of any kind. We have no religious community. We have universal religious in terms of truth and humanity since the beginning of the creation at the desire of God. The term of Hinduism if accepted, also does not contradict our reality. It embraces or accommodates all. If you want to give a name to religion, you can aptly say "Religion of Humanity," which must be the spirit of time or religion of the age for religious harmony. No religion can exist denying the truth and humanity.

Disciples and devotees gathered around Guruji whenever He halted at any place, paid their homage, felt themselves thankful in His service large or small, God solutions of various problems arising out of both material and spiritual aspects. As he was outwardly pretending to be an ordinary simple man but a sympathetic friend of the poor and at best a devotee of God, he could mix easily with high and low, rich and poor, pundits and ignorant. He did not give chance to recognise Him till the end of His material life. His ascetic power was as such that he could vanish Himself, enter in another body, and

speaking with formless beings, feed the beings residing in another world, arrange rebirth of such dead disciples whom he likes much and could do many other inhuman tasks according to His sweet will or as God desired. He had voluntary death, having such spiritual command on death which was proved before his most intimate disciples.

All these powerful actions stated above are not mere folk tales. Miraculous activities and spiritual power attained by the top ranking yogis, saints or devotees are beyond description. It is miraculous to mass but real to the spiritual aspirants. Spoiling of such valuable human life in vain is really shameful and sorrowful. When death is destined with but, every man should determine his aim at the early life with creative mind and face the problems that may come boldly to meet the end. You have no right or need to expect result as the same follows your action automatically.

After 2 days of initiation, Gurudas went to Ashram to pay homage to his preceptor at about 9 am; Gurudev was still on his meditating seat and was cheerful to see his naughty disciple. He got up and asked the disciple to do some services to guru. Sincere service to guru and obeying his order lead the disciple to such a height where he cannot reach by knowledge or by constant practice of austerities. Success in spiritual field can only be possible at the pleasure and blessing of sadguru. Gurudas was ordered to carry a tub full of water and to follow him up to the toilet at some distance. After coming out of the room, Gurudev straightaway entered in the cow shed and approached a standing ox of reddish colour. Gurudev affectionately put his right hand on its head and back and talk to it in Hindi language. After bidding good bye to the ox, he came back. Gurudas silently noticed his activities. Gurudev then ordered Gurudas to close the door of the cow shed and to follow him. While going towards the toilet, he told Gurudas that the ox would die soon as he had permitted to pass away.

Gurudas surprisingly questioned as to why he had spoken to the ox in Hindi and whether the ox also talked to him or prayed to him for its salvation. He replied that the ox was a Bihari Brahmin and a spiritual aspirant in its previous birth. His guruji on serious default cursed him for re birth as an ox. On such severe punishment, the helpless disciple fell on his feet and prayed for mercy. Guruji was then pleased to say with blessings that he would take re birth as an ox, but by the mercy of a saint his sufferings would be ended with salvation. Gurudas again questioned about its condition after death. Gurudev told that it would take re birth soon as man after death and attain salvation from worldly bondage. From this case it transpires that both cursing and blessings by sadguru have tremendous effect on disciple. This event is most educative to the spiritual aspirants in dealing or behaving with the spiritual master.

Gurudev often used to say "Well, I have come with **chaprash** (meaning special power from the God to do His task on his behalf) in the services of God on this earth. So, you believe me or not, I will do my duties till I breathe my last. You just follow me and listen to me attentively. What is found to be difficult initially, that will be easy in due course. Work is your religion. Patience

is your religion. Give up day dream. Be practical and national. I am not your Guru. God is the Guru of all. I am a teacher as you need to learn alphabets. But unless you have faith on me, your learning or wilful efforts will go in vein. My duty is to apprise you of the truth. When you believe or start believing I give you the task for practice in the simplest process.

Human life is even desired by the superior beings (gods). Godly beings like Indra, Barun and Surya who had no chance to enjoy human life curiously look at the men on earth. God, the Supreme Being at his will takes birth in the poor houses of human being. He also acts as human being like you and attains the fullness of life through spiritual practices as he does not violet the divine constitution. It takes a number of years to take a degree from the University. So, you will have to go on practising with firm determination and belief to make your life successful with patience and perseverance. This is not an imaginary matter. If you practice you will get the fruitful result.

God has created the universe which is his playground. He desires everyone to be good and to be His devotee. But the demons or devils act adversely hence suffer and embrace death or misfortune. He does everything for his devotees. If you go one step towards God, He comes forward ten steps towards you. God in shape of Guru helps the devotee. If you read the sacred **Gita** every day, you can solve many problems and accordingly your will knowledge and devotion to God will increase. Simplest way to realise or to reach God is only devotion and love. Some people in the habit of showing excuse that they get no time to sit for a while and to take the name of God. They have no time to practice yoga whereas they get sufficient time in amusement and gossip. Make a daily routine and spend some time for spiritual practice for your own benefit. Otherwise, you will have to repent at the later stage of life. Some people pray to God for wealth and power and they get easily. God gives devotion to those devotees who really love God and surrender themselves completely at his lotus feet caring not the unbearable worldly sufferings with patience.

Guruma Srimati Manada Sunderi Devi suffering from asthma was expecting and mentally prepared to get rid of worldly life in presence of her Godly Husband. One night gurudev was in deep meditation. Hi wife after taking some food went to bed at night but could not sleep due to respiratory troubles. When her conditions seem to be serious, her eldest son called his father. He came and sat on the bed. Guruma put her head on His lotus feet and passed away with full satisfaction in 1968. After completion of funeral celebration of His wife which was the last important task of that tour, Sri Sri Mounibaba left Ranibari Ashram for Hrishikesh. Relatives, disciples and villagers then understood as to why the saint who had no worldly bondage came to Ranibari Ashram after 16 years. People thanked to His Holiness with deep respect.

## PART 6

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The eldest sister of Gurudev, Srimati Kumuduni Devi aged 87 years; the grandmother of Gurudas, a devotee of Sri Radhagovinda was passing her last days with expectation to leave her material body in presence of her beloved Godly younger brother. The saint, who could know the mind of devotees, suddenly came to Ranibari Ashram after 9 years in 1976. Villagers and devotees were happy to see the super man. Yet they were thinking as to what kind of games would be played that time as he never came to Ranibari without definite purpose. On the full moon night of Jhulan Yatra of Sri Radha-Krishna the famous kirtanya Sri Ramendra Goswami was doing Krishna kirtan in the pleasure of Sri Sri Mounibaba. On hearing the songs Gurudev dove into eternal love to enjoy the divine plays of Sri Radha-Krishna at Sri Brindaban or He might have gone through His spiritual power to bid goodbye to His sister who passed away during that time. On that occasion Gurudas was in service in Arunachal Pradesh. In the evening when Gurudas was coming to his quarter on the way in front of Vishnu Mandir suddenly he saw his grandma Srimati Kumudini Devi with utter surprise, who vanished in no time. After a few days he got the letter of her death.

The spiritual master Sri Sri Mounibaba played his role through his disciples and devotees for upliftment of mankind. Sri Arabinda Das of malaria department and the wife of Sri Ajit Roy of electricity department saw in dream that a big image of goddess **Kali** was worshipped by Gurudas. The same dream seen by two different persons at the same manner became a matter of wide publicity. All who heard about the dream agreed to arrange Kali Puja on the night of Diwali in 1976. Both Sri Arabinda Das and Sri Ajit Roy requested Gurudas to perform the Puja according to the dream. Finding no other alternative Gurudas agreed to do the puja if permitted by his Gurudev Sri Sri Mounibaba. By that time Gurudas had to go to Ranibari ashram to meet his gurudev to seek permission to do the Kali Puja. Gurudev permitted him with blessings. He came back to duty station with confidence to perform Puja. Kali Puja was done very successfully and devotees were so pleased that the celebration continued for three days with flood of devotion towards Sri Sri Mounibaba.

It is not out of place to mention here that Gurudas had been suffering from duodenal ulcer for last few years which required immediate surgery. The night Gurudas reached Ashram, the door of Gurudev was closed for any visitors. Gurudas failed to convince the attending devotee to allow him to visit Gurudev at night. He then started repetition of God's name sitting outside Gurudev's room with meditation. After a few minutes Gurudev called him by name to enter into the room to the surprise of Gurudas and the attendant saying, "Well, I am waiting for you. Come inside and close the door. Give me my seat and you also take a seat before me." Gurudas paid his homage with tears in joy. Suddenly Gurudev asked, "I see you have ulcer in your stomach. Don't go for surgery. Just take medicines and you will be cured. Also take one spoon of

black pepper powder and one spoon of pure ghee with rice (warm) daily before your main meal. He then asked Gurudas to follow a yogic exercise which will completely cure the ulcer and ultimately Gurudas needed no operation and came round.

Gurudev advised Gurudas to start biochemic treatment as the biochemic remedies are more effective and accordingly he started applying medicine to the members of his family and other needy persons free of cost to gather experience. He treated Gurudev first for nothing but for his blessings as Gurudev smilingly told him that such material medicines do not have much effect on the body of the yogi who does His treatment with yogic ways. With the name of Shiva Guru, Gurudas treated many complicated cases with his valued knowledge in Homeopath and biochemic system of treatment even referred by the Doctors of the various hospitals during his service life. One C.H.S doctor, Mr A.K Chakraborty, CMO wanted to give a special certificate in recognition of professional capability when his kidney stones were cleared fully. But Gurudas refused on the grounds that his mission was to serve and help the patients' especially poor patients free of costs and not for earning money as a profession.

After Initiation of Gurudas in 1967, one day Gurudev said to Gurudas, "you will write many books". It was absurd on the part of Gurudas with his dull brain holly engaged in domestic affairs. On hearing his argument, Gurudev said, "I know the past present and the future. So what I have seen I have told and you will one day remember me when everything will come true in future". After five years of his prediction, one day while Gurudas was going to office after lunch, he stopped on the way at the sight of Sri Hari Temple and burst into tears and conveyed his worldly grievances to God Sri Hari for his kind help in restoring peace of mind. He wrote his grievances in a piece of paper which ultimately was turned into a nice bhajan in the praise of God. Since then he composed thousands of poems and songs. Some songs were shown to Gurudev during his life time. Gurudev named the collection of songs as "Madhur sangeet". On hearing those songs Gurudev sank into ocean of love for hours together. Thus the predications of the saint came true in the life of Gurudas.

In September 1977, some closed disciples namely Sri Hari Das Sadhu, Sri Viswanath Sen, Sri Tarak Chandra Chandra, Sri Khetra Mohan Das, Srimati Anjali Saha and her mother came to Ranibari ashram, Gurudas also came. A ceremonial atmosphere prevailed in the ashram; devotees eagerly engaged themselves in various kinds of services in the pleasure of Shiva Guru. Sometimes discussion on Gita, Bhagavad, Upanishad, spiritual practices, bhajan kirtan, in the evening and many other activities made the atmosphere divine. Devotees almost forgot their worldly existence for the time being. Gurudev expressed his desire for a long term kirtan relating to praises of Lord Radha Krishna (Lila Kirtan) and Sri Nam (Hare Krishna). Necessary arrangements were made for kirtan. On the previous night "Adhivas" a system of religious invitation of maha prabhu with his devotees prior to the commencement of Kirtan had to be done. Kirtaniya party also arrived. Gurudev came to the pandal and asked the devotees to start the kirtan saying

that Maha Prabhu had already arrived accompanied by his close devotees. Kirtan began with joy and devotion. In the mean time Gurudev went to his seat and sank into Samadhi. Next morning Kirtan started with Sri Nam. Suddenly the weather took a dramatic turn and the sky was covered with black clouds. Gurudev came out, looked at the clouds and said “don’t fear, clouds will move towards other direction and the sun is rising up soon, you carry on with your kirtan” and then went back to his seat.

Thousands of people including Muslims attended the kirtan and took maha prasad. The devotees enjoyed kirtan in the same atmosphere what had been read in religious books well known as Gour Lila at Nawadeep over five hundred years ago. Crying, weeping and loud cheers were heard during kirtan. Some devotees were rolling on the ground. The scene was attractive and educative. Gurudev also sometimes sat at the place of kirtan with exciting sound of OM for a while to enjoy delightful kirtan amidst the devotees over flown with devotion and divine love. The vaisnavas (followers of Sri Sri Chaityana Mahaprabhu) including the famous kirtanya confessed with tears that they had never attended such functions. Some devotees found Mahaprabhu in Sri Sri Mounibaba. All those that happened were divine and beyond imagination and description.

Gurudas was made the manager of the celebration by Gurudev. All puja performances including the sacrifice on the fire of great importance were carried out by Gurudas on the order and guidance of Gurudev. In that celebration many former devotees and great souls living in another world also came to get the share of divine enjoyment. One great former devotee named Sri Sri Charandas Babaji attended the ceremony in the form of a very big and beautiful healthy dog. He was invited jokingly by Gurudas while taking bath early in brahmakund (a pond of the ashram). The dog followed Gurudas upto the ashram and slept in the eastern part of the ashram enjoying kirtan till noon.

When mahaprasad was being distributed amongst the devotees Gurudas went to the eastern side of the house to wash his hands. Then the dog all on a sudden, appeared before him to remind that he was invited but mahaprasad was not yet given to him. Saying wait please, Gurudas brought mahaprasad and served the prasad to the dog. After taking the mahaprasad the dog disappeared. His identity was given by Gurudev next morning when discussions on the celebrations were going on. Gurudev told that not only Chrandas Babaji, so many devotees/saints in guise of unknown persons/maids and birds also attended this celebration and took mahaprasad.

People of that area attended similar function many a times during the stay of Mounibaba at Ranibari Ashram. They were bound to confess with joy that influence and essence of kirtan related to the praises of **Hari** or **Radha-Krishna** as heard or read in books had been fortunately seen and enjoyed by the grace of Mounibaba whom we could not recognise. Though he never confessed as the incarnation of God despite lakhs of disciples all over the country, he was revealed as such in the eyes of devotees.

Next morning Gurudev surrounded by his disciples expressed his great pleasure on the successful celebration of Krishna kirtan, blessed them and also asked them to do the yogic practice with him. The atmosphere was divine. Then he told the disciples, "Well, you can form a mission". "Is it possible Baba?", questioned the disciples. "Why not" said Baba. He further said "suppose it has been formed now, since I have declared." After discussion, name of the mission suggested by Gurudas as "**Anandamoy Mounibaba Mission**" was then approved by Gurudev in the midst of clapping and cheers by the devotees. However, the developmental work of the mission started practically after the demise of Gurudev, since his publicity was strictly prohibited during his life time.

After sometime Gurudev went to Calcutta via Imphal (Manipur) accompanied by his blessed disciple Sri Khushi Ranjan Bhattacharjee, the younger brother of Gurudas. Air ticket for Gurudev was on waiting list as Khushi had his confirmed tickets for him and his family. However, they reached Silchar Airport and knew from enquiry no confirmed ticket was available for Gurudev, whereas Gurudev was insisting repeatedly to board the flight without a ticket. Khushi Ranjan was compelled to reply that it's not a bus or train journey to get in without ticket. Suddenly an idea came to him and he spoke to the air staff that he had two baby tickets but the babies would sit on their parents lap only. So, Gurudev could sit easily on one seat on payment of extra fare. However, the problem was solved with thanks to the powerful saint.

The air hostess came with chocolate. Gurudev who had no greed or who had no difference in gold and stone in his sight, asked his disciple Khushi Ranjan to take a good number of chocolates to be taken with tea on reaching Imphal. Khushi was hesitating. But the air hostess understood the play of Bal Gopal (child form of Krishna) and she gave a good number of chocolates to him, and Gurudev blessed her with his smile. His playful activities at Imphal were also very much interesting. People used to come to pay their homage to the saint, to listen to his sweet lectures and to be thankful by his blessings and mahaprasad. As told by Kushi, mahaprasad was daily kept in a small pot and distributed among the devotees with their full satisfaction.

Sri Binay Bhushan Mukherjee, a follower of Swami Nigamanada Saraswati who was a brhamachari in Saraswat Math, Halisahar for 14 years, had to run a business at Imphal at the desire of God. He had enough regards for Sri Sri Mounibaba, on hearing from KushiRanjan one day Sri Sri Baba went to Imphal market with Kushi Ranjan and met Sri Mukherjee at his shop. Sri Mukherjee fell on his feet and prayed for mercy. Gurudev told he would go to his residence next morning. Accordingly he went to the residence of Mukherjee with Kushi and asked him to make a simple arrangement of bhog duly cooked by himself. Sri Mukherjee felt himself most blessed and did everything devotionally with special care. The saint kindly accepted the bhog and gave mahaprasad to all of them present. The mystery of such secret spiritual play was known to the saint and Sri Mukherjee only who was flowing with divine love.

After a few days gurudev asked Kushiranjana to accompany him up to Calcutta by air. Airfare was approximately Rs800 at that time. Kushiranjana came back to Imphal from Calcutta. One day he opened his Gita and found eight numbers of hundred rupee note with utter surprise. He could easily imagine the mercy of Shiva Guru Mounibaba who returned the plane fare of Rs 800 spent by his disciple miraculously.



## PART 7

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Sri Sri Mounibaba at the last part of his life remained so simple with ordinary dress showing no sign of saint just as an old man with long hair and beard. His living standard varied according to the situation. He was king of the kings and poorest of the poor. Having oneness with the Supreme Being and the universe, he acted as a devotee singing the glories of Goddess Kali, Sri Hari and Sri Radhagobinda. His voice even at the age of 95 years was very sweet. His diet was recitation from Gita and Kirtan. He uses to say "this time is very bad Gods name alone will wash away all vice. Hare Kirshna nam Kirtan is the only means to purify the polluted minds and atmosphere and even to achieve perfection in mind.

In May1979, Gurudas went to Calcutta with family to meet Gurudev who was staying at the flat of Sri Haridas Sadhu at Vivekananda Road. Since staying at the ashram with small children was troublesome, Gurudas shifted his family to Shamnagar through his brother-in-law Sri Pranebendra Narayan Bhattacharjee, a professor of Sanskrit at the Calcutta University who was also blessed by saint Mounibaba.

Gurudas alone remained with Gurudev at the ashram at his desire. His duty was to do the spiritual practises (Hatha-Raja-Yugu) under the guidance of Yogi Guru, to recite from Gita, Upanishad etc and to do possible service to Gurudev. There was no need to question. Important question aroused in the minds of Gurudas were automatically discussed and solved with surprise. So this trip to Calcutta was of great importance. One day morning Sri Haridas Sadhu went for marketing. By that time a young man came with evil design. He told that Sri Haridas Sadhu had sent him to repair the ceiling fans. Gurudev who could know the minds of other, managed the man tactfully through arguments and discussions on different matters to kill the time. He ordered Gurudas not to get up from his sit and to continue reading the Bhagabat Gita. The man was overpowered by the saint who told him to wait for a few minutes more till Haridas comes back. The man became thoughtful to be caught red-handed by Sri Haridas, well known person and so he fled away saying that he would come again. While going out of the room he took away the wrist watch of Gurudas kept on the rack. Sri Haridas Sadhu came from the market and heard the story surprisingly. Other devotees also started coming to the service of Gurudev and all of them thanked Gurudev for applying his spiritual powers in saving the lives and property of the ashram.

Devotees normally remained with Gurudev up to 10pm; they use to bring fruits, sweets and many other things for Gurudev. One night a large plate full of mango pieces along with other sweet meats were offered to Gurudev as usual. Gurudev normally used to consume one piece or two and the rest were distributed among the devotees as mahaprasad, but that night to the utter surprise of the devotees he consumed whole lot of mangoes offered to him

without expressing the reason. Thereafter all the devotees left the ashram paying their respect to Gurudev. Later the reason was known to the close devotees.

During the same night, Gurudas was asked to give him a towel and wash his dhoti full of night soil, soon from the bathroom. Gurudas said to him to keep the dhoti as it was till morning which could then be washed by Srimati Hena Das, a sincere devotee of Gurudev. But Gurudev cried out "No it should be done right now, are not you my disciple? How dare you disobey my order? Go and wash my dhoti". Finding no other alternative the foolish Gurudas went to bathroom, closed his nose and opened the fold of dhoti. It was a miracle. He found only the clear pieces of mangoes which Gurudev consumed in the evening, instead of bad smell for which he tried to disobey the order of his master his heart was rather dancing with divine joy due to attractive fragrance. He thought to himself, what a fool he was? He would have missed a beautiful chance of service and experience. Gurudev tasted his disciple in that way. Gurudas burst into tears. Gurudev was calling him to come soon but Gurudas was ashamed to appear near the godly personage whose powerful activities were beyond descriptions. Gurudev affectionately said "well service to preceptor is not an easy thing, even the divine beings do not know. Guru the preceptor himself knows that. Concept of Guru; the spiritual master is also not fully understood by all. You need not worry, remember what I say and just follow me. Everything will be cleared in time. Now you do your duty. Devotion and faith on Guru in human form are the main ways and means to see God or to realise him".

Gurudas planned to visit Puri, Gurudev said "you need not go to Puri now. It is very hot and children will fall sick. You need not go anywhere and stay with me. What you will see at Puri? Guru is Lord Jaganath; you don't know the truth". Gurudas was speechless and cancelled his plans to visit Puri. His wife requested to go to Kalighat, since visit to Jaganath dham was cancelled. Accordingly he went to Kalighat with family and faced tremendous trouble. His youngest daughter due to intense heat was about to die in the midst of heavy rush inside the temple of Goddess Kali. Helpless Gurudas was repenting for such problem in violation of the order of his master. At that juncture an old lady miraculously offered them water in a pot and some sweets (mahaprasad of Kali) with her trembling hand. All were surprised at that instance. However, Gurudas paid respect to her and offered some money; she blessed raising her hand and disappeared.

On the way to Shamnagar, Gurudas visited Gurudev and paid homage to his lotus feet with due apology. On query, Gurudas explained his troublesome visit to Kalighat. Gurudev smiled and said "the divine mother Goddess Kali, however saved the life of the baby in guise of an old widow by offering holy drinking water and mahaprasad by her hand. You are lucky no doubt". So the visit was not all together fruitless which might be a trick of Shiva Guru. Gurudas found no word to convey gratitude but remained silent as a statue on such unbelievable event. Sri Biswanath Sen, Sri Haridas Sadhu and other devotees present thanked to the Shiva Guru for his mercy upon the devoted

disciples.

On hearing the above event Sri Biswanath Sen, the attending disciple of Sri Sri Mounibaba told about his experience of a night. He was sleeping in the next room; the door of Gurudev's room was not closed properly. Sri Sen while going to toilet in the midnight noticed some clusters of rays coming out of the Gurudev's room. He approached curiously near the door and on seeing the scene inside the room; he lost his conscious and fell down on the veranda. Next morning when Gurudev opened his door, saw Biswanath Sen lying on the ground. He called and then touched his body with his hand. Sri Sen regained his consciousness and fell onto the lotus feet. He confessed his guilt and narrated the incident that took place last night. Gurudev knew such happening. However to remove the confusion of his close devotee told that Goddess Kali was there with him. He was lucky enough to see her rays. Not only Goddess Kali, many other divine beings also attended him at night. Watching the activities of Guru secretly in such a way would be harmful and might cause death even. Sri Sen prayed to excuse him with promise of non recurrence of such deeds in the future.

Gurudev showed his mercy to close disciples in many ways for their spiritual upliftment. He gave his Shiva Lingam, named Gopeswar to Sri Tarak Chandra Chanda of Maniktala, Calcutta with the instruction to worship as his Guru. That Shiva lingam being the domestic deity is still worshipped by the family with love and devotion in memory of Shiva Guru Swami Sachchidanada Nath Paramhansa. Our culture and religion are practised and protected by such devotees even at this age of confusion, unrest and vice. In the same way a Shiva lingam of the type and height on the direction of Sri Sri Mounibaba was brought by Sri Biswanath Sen of Calcutta at Ranibari ashram where Gurudev was residing for few years during the last tenure of his material life and eventually breathed his last on the holy seat through the process of Yoga (Maha Samadhi).

That Shiva lingam was first worshipped in the night of Shivaratri and sacrifice on holy fire by thousand and eight bel leaves was carried out by a devotee named Sri Anadhi Nath Bhattacharjee, nephew of Sri Sri Mounibaba, and son of Srimati Archana Bramacharini. That Shiva lingam named Sachchidananda Natheswar Shiva is still being worshipped on the holy maha smadhi aashan by most intimate devotee Brahmacharini Gurudasi.

Gurudas alone went to Calcutta in 1980 with the expectation of doing some services to his spiritual master with full attention. The proverb, what man proposes, God disposes, came true to Gurudas that time. Gurudev was staying at the house of devotee Srimati Malina Baba Raha of Calcutta. Gurudas was not allowed to stay there due to obvious reason. As a result, he had to stay at the flat of Sri Haridas Sadhu and visited Gurudev at Belegghata every day.



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One day Gurudev ordered Gurudas to visit Addyapith (Kali Temple) his meditation place panchabati at Dhakhineswer, Gauranga Math at patbari and Balananda Math with Sri Haridas Sadhu. Next day was Jhulan Purnima, Gurudas however went with Haridas Sadhu first to Addyapith in a rikshwa and lost his sense at the vision of a kind looking small girl at the gate .He also experienced the powerful play of Goddess Kali at panchabati where Sri Sri Mounibaba got the vision of Goddess Kali. He got immense joy at patbari

Gouranga Math by the grace of SadGuru. He was shown the wooden shoes and hand written book of Sri Sri Chaitanya Maha Prabhu on the permission of head of the math and was also blessed with mahaprasad. Then on completion of visit they came back. Next day when Gurudas went to Belegkata, Gurudev enquired about his visits and events. Gurudev insisted to tell in details probably for the information of devotees present, though what all happened was due to his mercy.

Mystery of the spiritual world where Sri Sri Mounibaba was sitting on the topmost seat is beyond imagination and description. A long term Kirtan for three days and three nights was ordered by Gurudev at the house of Sri Tarak Chandra Chanda of Maniktala in July 1980. Celebration was made with the help of the Baishnavas of the Patbari Gouranga Math as per the direction of Sri Sri Mounibaba. On the closing day of Kirtan Sri Chandra and some of the devotees went to Gurudev to pay their homage. With deep regret Sri Chandra told that hundreds of devotees attended Kirtan day and night and enjoyed with great joy except Sri Sri Baba on whose order Kirtan was arranged. Baba said in smiling "what do you say? You people did not allow me to enjoy such attractive Kirtan so I came back. Anyway I have attended your Kirtan which was nicely organised". Sri Chandra curiously questioned with folded hands "we can't understand when and how did you go to attend Kirtan, Baba"?

Sri Sri Baba said smiling "in the form of that white coloured snake on your wall enjoying Kirtan which was suddenly seen by a woman and who cried out saying snake.... Snake..... Attention of all people was then fixed at the snake. Some of them might have planned to kill the snake. So the poor snake in order to save its life disappeared in the presence of all. Any doubt?" Devotees then shed tears with joy and thanked Gurudev. This event was narrated to Gurudas by Sri Chandra.

Sri Biswanath Sen told another event of his family relating to the mercy of Sri Sri Baba. His younger brother was admitted in the hospital in a critical condition. The doctor attending the patient gave his opinion that the patient would not see the rising sun the next morning. All the members of the family and the relatives were praying to Guru for his life. Gita, Guru Gita and one copy of photograph were kept under the pillow of the patient. All were anxiously waiting for the moment but unexpectedly the condition of the patient improved and the attending doctor declared it as a miracle. The doctor asked them to go and see the patient if they desire. They observe that the patient was in sound sleep. Next morning the sun rose in the sky and the patient also got up from sound sleep. He narrated the events of last night to the members of his family who were waiting anxiously. He saw a black dreadly man with something in his hand coming towards him and at the same time Guru Mounibaba came out from his photograph kept under the pillow. Some hot discussions were made between them. Thereafter the dreadly man went out of the room and Gurudev again entered into the photograph. Then he had a sound sleep till he got up in the morning.

Srimati Shefalika Devi, wife of Gurudas was in critical condition with the affect of eclampsia. One night she got the vision of Guru Mounibaba in dream with four other saints. As per her description they might be Sri Sri Vijay Krishna Goswami, Sri Sri Ramakrishna, Ramdas Kathia Baba and the naked Tailanga Swami. Her elder sister Srimati Dolly Chakrabarty, Wife of Sri Rajat Kanti Chakrabarty, eldest son of Sri Sri Mounibaba cooked and served the plate to the great souls. Gurudev himself fed mahaprasad with his hand to the patient and all of them vanished after blessing her. The patient who had probably the last night of her material life enjoyed sound sleep after a few days. Next morning she was found completely alright and was taken back to home after thorough check-up by the doctor who expressed his joy in that miraculous event. He thanked Gobindaji and Saintly Guruji on hearing the dream. By the grace of Shiva Guru Sri Sri Mounibaba, two lives that is mother and the unborn child were saved. That God gifted child, Uma (Anjana) is now enjoying a happy married life with Sri Swagat Chakrabarty in United Kingdom. Both of them are followers of Sri Sri Mounibaba.

## PART 8

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Gurudas met with vehicle accident on 5<sup>th</sup> April 1988 near Kohima and was rescued by his Gurudev from death, despite multiple injuries. Gurudas was given re-birth in October 1988 during the second day of Durga Puja from Coma due to constant high fever with temperature of around 106 degree. Gurudas was posted to Tripura and on reaching Dharmanagar he felt sick due to fever rising up to 106 degree. The attending doctor gave up hope of life. On hearing the discussion, Gurudas came to Ranibari in a taxi with attendant with a desire to leave his worldly life before his spiritual master. Gurudev who had the knowledge of past- present - and future told Gurudasi in the morning that Gurudas would come that day though he was suppose to reach two days earlier. On his arrival at the ashram, Gurudas was made to sleep on a bed in the same room of Gurudev as per his previous instructions. Gurudev on his meditating seat started sounding of OM very loudly at about 11 am. and pulled fever in his body by spiritual power. He then sank into deep meditation. Gurudas had no fever but got his sense at 8 am. in the next morning. People were talking on the issue that Gurudev would leave the worldly life in order to save the life of his disciple. Next morning at about 9 am. Gurudev also broke his meditation and first talked to Gurudasi. He enquired about the condition of Gurudas. To give a surprise to all devotees and the villagers attending the puja festival, Gurudev ordered Gurudas to sing devotional songs. To his utter surprise Gurudas, lying in bed with extreme weakness sang a few devotional songs for about three hours while Gurudev with 106 degree temperature in his body sank into deep meditation. At about 12.30 he ordered Gurudas to stop singing and take rest outside his room. Gurudas was completely cured with no sign of weakness. Gurudev asked Gurudasi to see his temperature. His temperature was then normal and he was quite fine. He told Gurudas that he had overcome death by the mercy of God. People were astonished at the miraculous instance put by the saint.

Sri Sri Mounibaba gave re-birth to Kumari Mukti, the daughter of Sri Kushi Ranjan Bhattacharjee in the year 1984. She lost her mother few months ago at the age of 2 years. Kushi Ranjan went to ashram with his family to pay homage to Gurudev. During discussion, Mukti suddenly fainted. All started crying with no hope of life. Sri Kushi Ranjan placed the dying baby on the lotus feat of Gurudev so that her soul would rest in peace. Gurudev asked Gurudas to apply his bio-chemic medicine just to try as the last resort. However, some pills diluted into water were put into her mouth with great difficulty and she was laid in a bed. After an hour gradually her body started to regain temperature and pulses were felt. All shouted with cheers as soon as she regained her sense and thanked to Gurudev who saved her life.

Sri Kushi Ranjan Bhattacharjee while coming from Calcutta with family by Kamrup Express met with a severe accident in 1975 was saved by Gurudev. Next compartment was also derailed but they were unhurt. A number of passengers were severely injured and killed. Gurudev later told they were

saved because of their devotion and on the influence of paduka (wooden shoe of Gurudev). The devotees believe in the truth that Gurus spiritual power is felt on the worship of Guru Paduka and if it is carried while moving out, it acts as a guard

While at Kimin in Arunachal Pradesh, one night Gurudev told Srimati Shefalika Devi in dream to offer him sweet mangoes. However next day Kirtan was arranged in the evening with local devotees and sweet mangoes with other sweets were offered to Gurudev. The proof of acceptance of the offer came true with surprise that four ripped mangoes were seen near the sacrificial pit in the Ranibari ashram after a few days. On enquiry about those mangoes it was intimated by Gurudev that the mangoes had been sent by Maha Prabhu offered by Shefalika at Kimin. Gurudev ordered to give the mangoes for sacrifice. He tasted and gave them for distribution among the devotees.

Gurudev on many occasions did not take food and told that he would food through his devotees. The devotees were fed with special care up to their full satisfaction in the presence of Gurudev. Later he expressed his joy and even praised for tasteful items. Next day Gurudev passed maximum stool. Out of curiosity on a query, the reply came from Gurudev was very interesting and educative as well. He said simply, "you know I take little food. Yesterday my devotees fed me a huge quantity. Well, you don't know. Devotees do not eat for themselves. Whatever they eat, they actually offer and feed their Guru in them with devotion. So Guru has to accept their offer. The ignorant people may not believe the truth".

Gurudev further said with regret, "Normally the cooking is done by woman according to their choice and taste. Most of them do not know the real purpose of cooking as worship. A devoted woman cooks for the service of God in shape of the members of the family. Her satisfaction is in feeding and not in self eating. Someone may raise objection and argument against the truth. Those who cook for themselves neglecting the truth, they eat vice. The devotees eat in the name of God in themselves and such eating becomes their Bhajan (prayer) for the reason that they get everything from God including this human body as gift of past action".

Fruits, flowers, leave and whatever things you see are created by nature for the service of almighty God. You boast of your wealth, health, or youth and beauty etc. This is your wrong idea. You have practically nothing. So if you want to satisfy yourself by enjoying happy life, try to control your passion and out moving mind and surrender to God who is the actual giver. In such situation any kind of food or other things purely offered to the deity or God is kindly accepted by Him."

While writing the glories of Sri Sri Mounibaba, a close disciple Sri Yogendra Kumar Deb of the village Brahmanashasan intimated the stories of merciful events of Sadguru relating to His family. His son Anju was about to die during his infancy period due to dysentery. The child also could not digest mother's milk. One day Gurudev went to their home and heard about his serious illness.



He ordered to make some roti with cow ghee and to give Him with tea. Gurudev then performed sacrifice on fire. He took a little and gave mahaprasad to the family with instruction to feed the sick baby too. From that day onwards the baby could digest everything even his mother's milk and soon came round by the grace of yogi guru. Sri Dev also told that his son named Montai was about to die due electric current. Gurudev asked for his stick, while the stick was being given to his hand, miraculously fell on his head causing a little bloodshed. The devotee was crying for the offence though occurred unfortunately. Gurudev was quiet and unmindful as if nothing happened to Him. He then told that Khuka's son was dying due to electric current. So, to save his life He has received the wound. Afterwards the news came to light that Montai was contacted by electric current. In those ways Gurudev saved the lives of both the sons of the devotee.

Gurudev's oneness with the Supreme Being (parambrahman) was proved in many occasions. The affect of earthquake at Russia, Nepal and Darbhanga in India was very much noticed in his material body by the disciples and villagers. Doctors failed to understand the gravity and secrecy of peculiar wounds in the body of the saint for sometimes before his passing away. On a query he told about the truth. Due to his initiative, death toll at above places was the minimum. Even the torture on men and animals, trees and creeper had affect on his body which he expressed with anger. A creeper of pumpkin was twisted by a girl at Ranibari ashram. Gurudev felt severe pain on his arm. On his order, that creeper was kept in its normal position with care and massage with ointment was given on his arm. Then gradually he was cured.

Kishalay Bhattacharjee the only son of Gurudas had very bad time for 5 years according to the horoscope, out of bad influence of stars. Gurudev advised to arrange Kirtan to cross the danger arising out of bad influence of stars. Gurudas however arranged Kirtan in 1987 in presence of sadguru at Ranibari ashram. Gurudev kindly initiated Kishalay and blessed him for long life.

Sri Ramani Mohan Chakraborty, younger brother of Sri Sri Mounibaba was in death bed. Gurudas (while on leave) went to see him with some orange and apples and showed to him. He was very much pleased to see the fruits and expressed with joy that a saintly person gave this information to him a few minutes ago in dream. At his desire Gurudas himself fed him orange and apple with his hand. He also discussed about life and death as instructed by Lord Sri Krishna to devotee Arjuna in Bhagavad-Gita which gave him divine joy. He died in peace a few days later. Gurudas thereafter went to Gurudev and offered him some apple and orange. Gurudev accepted with joy and said, "I cannot walk now. You have done a very good thing on my behalf by feeding fruits to my brother Ramani." Then asked about his health. Gurudas then got a chance to say, "You have seen from here what I have done. Your brother also told me about the fruits which was said to him in his dream by a saintly person. But he couldn't recognise you, though I told him about your appearance before him in guise of a saintly old man. What was the harm to go to him in your real appearance?" He replied to Gurudas, "You will not understand, you are still a boy. All will have to leave this world and none has

got a permanent patta (settlement).”

Sri Ramakrishna Mandal an industrialist of Howrah and a close disciple of Sri Sri Mounibaba told the story as to how he got rid of spondylitis. Renowned medical specialist of Calcutta and many other places failed to cure him. He had unbearable pain and couldn't move his hand. Suddenly it came to his mind that Sri Sri Baba might be able to cure him. So with some other devotees he went to Ranibari Ashram and surrendered to the lotus feet of yogi guru who was said to have eight accomplishments by meditation. Sri Sri Baba caught his hand and sounded “Om” for three times only. Then he told that he would be cured in three days. Next morning Sri Sri Baba enquired about his pain and Sri Mandal replied that he had much relief. On the second day Sri Mandal felt much better. On the third day Sri Mandal came by running with joy to baba and fell on his feet saying that he was completely alright. On last meeting Sri Mandal told Gurudas that Sri Sri Baba was not a man but a superhuman or God. He had no words to express his gratitude through his life.

Sri Bishwanath Sen of Simla street Calcutta had fracture on his leg whilst slipping at Ranibari Ashram. He was then carried before Sri Sri Baba. He could understand the severity of wound and advised for bandage with herbs. After 2-3 days he could walk without pain. Such miraculous treatment had been done in so many cases as intimated by Sri Bishwanath Sen and many devotees of Calcutta.

One devotee named Durga, the wife of an engineer of Durgapur sought permission from Gurudev for a major operation. Gurudev told Gurudas to reply to her letter as such, “operation is not required. Some sweets, fruits, maybe sacrificed on fire with guru mantra and mahaprasad be taken by the patient and distributed to others. Guru's chranamrita (the holy water after washing the wooden shoes of Gurudev) be taken everyday”. After a few days another letter was received that the patient was fully cured.

Normally people are interested to know the miraculous activities of the saints. The saint who has acquired the highest position in the spiritual world, the miracles stated in above paragraphs are not at all important events. He has the power to stop the flow of birth and death. But He acts as normal human being within the limit of spiritual laws.

## PART 9

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Sri Sri Mounibaba aged 88 years, came to His Ranibari Ashram in 1982 for preparation of His final trip from this material world. All were happy to receive Him after a long gap. After sometime He was anxious to go to Puri but some close disciples prayed earnestly for His stay at Ranibari till the day He breathed His last. However, the playful super human kindly accepted the prayer. His eldest son, Sri Rajat Kanti Chakrabarty, daughter-in-law Srimati Doly Chakrabarty, relatives and devotees of the village were doing His required services. Brahmacharini Sukla (Gurudasi) dedicated herself in the services of Gurudev. Ultimately she had been doing the services sincerely till the last moment of His holy material life. Disciples from various states started coming to Ranibari to pay their homage to Shivaguru including His two more sons namely Sri Ramkrishna Chakrabarty and Sri Rabindra Kumar Chakrabarty. Shivaguru himself established Rameshwar Shiva Lingam, Baneshwar Shiva Lingam and Hanumanji at Ranibari Ashram. All His activities big or small during the last part of His worldly life were note worthy, particularly those events which involved Gurudas and other close devotees.

In the middle of 1985, Gurudev suddenly shifted His holy seat at His desire to Anandeswar Shiva Temple in the same village Ranibari which was established by His sister Archana Brahmacharini in memory of her preceptor Maharishi Anandamoy Brahmachari. He first took shelter in Yogna Temple and thereafter to the house constructed for Him by His nephew Sri Anadinath Bhattacharjee, the son of Archana Brahmacharini. He was very comfortable there and His services could easily be done by Gurudasi (Sukla) daughter of Sri Anadinath Bhattacharjee. Being a very intimate and close devotee Gurudasi did her best for all round comforts of Shivaguru Sri Sri Mounibaba. After sometime Gurudev gave up every work and even He did not eat by his own hand. Gurudasi had to feed and nurse him as Gopal (child form of Lord Srikrishna). He remained in deep meditation without worldly sense and did not talk to any outsiders except a few close disciples.

Once three Muslim gentlemen suddenly came to see Him. His door always remained closed. However, window was opened. They were looking at him curiously without speech. Gurudev placed His eyes on them for a while. Thereafter, showing respect to the saint when they were about to go, Gurudev asked Gurudasi to give them Prasad. They took Prasad with great respect and left the place saying, "what we have seen on Him shall never be forgotten Oh God, what a man He is." In the eyes of Sri Sri Mounibaba men with faith in God were equal despite their differences due to caste or religion. Sri Bishwanath Sen of Calcutta told Gurudas about a Christian Missionary Rev. Michael Scott who occasionally used to come to meet Sri Sri Mounibaba and paid his regards to the Indian saint at the flat of Sri Haridas Sadhu in Calcutta. He talked to the saint on various religious and spiritual matters. Gurudev could speak English fluently. Rev. Scott became his devotee and received his blessings.

Sri Muralidhar Goswami celebrated Kali Puja on special circumstances at the house of Sri Ramendra Goswami; his cousin in 1987. Gurudas was on leave at Ranibari at that time. On the day of worship, he went to Gurudev with some fruits and bel leaves given by Sri Jogamaya Goswami, a related granddaughter as well as devotee of Sri Sri Mounibaba. Gurudas offered what he carried to Gurudev. The saint enquired about what was going on at the house of Goswami. He himself said, "I see a white coloured Goddess having six hands, yes she is Raksha Kali!" All devotees in the ashram were surprised what Baba was saying. He then said, "Maya (Jogamaya Goswami) desires to offer me Bhog. I am not taking rice for a long time. Since she has desired I will take Bhog of rice today. Well, you go now and bring my Bhog soon. Tell Maya to boil rice or porridge properly as I have no teeth, go and bring quickly." Gurudas said "It will take some time as on completion of cooking bhog will be offered to goddess Kali first and then your bhog will be given". Gurudev cried out "what! You eat first or your wife eats first". Gurudas replied, "Yes husband eats first." Then Gurudev said, "Exactly! My bhog will be served first and then of Goddess Kali."

Gurudas went soon and told the story to Srimati Jogamaya Goswami who started crying out of joy that Lord Shiva will accept her bhog knowing her mind and Kali Puja will be successful. She quickly arranged and sent bhog for Shiva Guru Sri Mounibaba through her son accompanied by Gurudas while Puja was going on by the priest. Some objections were raised as to how a man can be offered bhog before offering the bhog to Goddess Kali. Jogamaya Devi replied sharply "Gurudev is not just an ordinary man He is Lord Shiva in our eyes, so it makes no difference as to who gets the Bhog first". Gurudev accepted the bhog with great delight and praised for the same. At this instance the priest, Sri Kripesh Ranjan Bhattacharjee, a devoted disciple of Sri Sri Mounibaba, was shedding tears with joy when he heard that Shiva Guru had kindly taken Bhog. Gurudas brought Mahaprasad of shiva Guru and handed over to Jogamaya Goswami for distribution among the close devotees. A divine atmosphere prevailed at the house as the Puja was celebrated with great devotion.

A good instance about the spiritual power of the saint was heard from Sri Biswanath Sen of Calcutta. Disciples used to remit money for maintenance of their spiritual master while at Hrishikesh. Some dishonest people in guise of Sadhu planned to kill Sri Sri Baba for his money. While on meditation Sri Sri Baba could know the brutal plan and accordingly vanished himself by His Yogic power from the house which was locked by the miscreants from outside and arrived at Behala in Calcutta. Sri Biswanath Sen and other devotees went to Hrishikesh at that time to meet Gurudev. On enquiry they heard from the people about the mysterious disappearance of Sri Sri Baba, the powerful saint from the locked house. Sri Sen on return to Calcutta told this story to the disciple brothers and then found Sri Sri Baba was in Behala. Nobody knew how He arrived at Calcutta which was a mystery.

Srimati Hena Das of Calcutta went to Goya and Kashi with Gurudas and Party

in Nov 1994. She told her domestic story to them from which readers may have an idea of the saint Sri Sri Mounibaba. Her youngest son Subrato aged 15 years saw in dream that MahaPrabhu Sri Chaitanya had come to their house and then entered into the photograph of Sri Sri Mounibaba. Sri Sri Mounibaba also appeared and told Subrato not to be astonished and disappeared.

After a few days some miraculous things happened at their house. In their Puja room they found some lotus flowers. In the same closed room some fresh chapattis (roti) were found scattered in the room. They were afraid of such happenings. They consulted their neighbours and astrologers too about the miraculous happenings. And then next morning they found a pair of deity of Sri Radhakrishna made of brass in that room. They surprisingly called the neighbours and their relatives to show the deity. That night she saw in dream that Gurudev told her to worship that pair of deity with devotion. Since then the daily Puja is going on. It is still a mystery that nobody knows the arrival of the pair of deity at the house.

Srimati Hena Das a close devotee of Sri Sri Mounibaba told Gurudas while returning from pilgrimage, that her life was given by Sri Sri Baba. She was about to die due to paralysis. Her husband, finding no other alternative when all possible medical treatment failed to cure her, went to Gurudev for help. On His advice she was carried on a stretcher before Sri Sri Baba as the last resort and prayed for her life. Sri Sri Baba then touched her body and uttered a mantra on her ears with instruction to repeat the same regularly. Gradually she came round completely by the grace of Shivaguru.

Sri Mrityunjoy Mana, a close and dedicated devotee of Howrah said to Gurudas, "Well Brother, Baba Thakur is not a man. We have no language to express our gratefulness. What I am today, is due to the mercy of Sadguru. Baba Thakur saved my life while crossing Bravon Road Calcutta. A taxi ran over me. All people including the driver of the taxi saw in surprise that my body was lying in side of the footpath. I got my sense and told the crowd that though I fell under the taxi I saw my guru Sri Sri Mounibaba pushed me away from the spot and lost my sense. People thanked with propound respect to Sri Sri Mounibaba for His spiritual power."

Sri Sishir Das and Srimati Sipra Das disciples of Sri Sri Mounibaba always prayed for a child. Gurudev told them to keep patience and they would get a good son in due course. After a few years of the demise of Gurudev they got a son. Both the couple, especially Sipra served Gurudev with Krishna Kirtan which was more than any other service to Him. The singer himself or herself felt the divine love while singing in front of the super human who dived into another world. Their god gifted son Akash, has the inborn talent of playing Mridanga in Sri Krishna Kirtan like a matured artist and has become a devotee of Sri Sri Mounibaba.

Similar view is maintained by other singers too. Sri Khushi Ranjan could not sing or play on Mridanga properly. But in front of Gurudev he could do

everything as an expert with utter surprise. Every day he used to sing Mangol Arati at the pleasure of Gurudev.

Sri Sri Siva-guru sometime ordered Gurudas to play "Dashkushi Tal" on Mridanga. He used to say "Dashkushi Tal removes all kinds of troubles including the bad influence of passion. It will purify the atmosphere. Do it sincerely and tell others too". Similar order was given to Sri Ashish Goswami who often produced Kirtan for His pleasure with his young team namely Anju, Mantai, Ramu, Sujit, Ananda, Champoo, Rimphu, Mani, Rakhi, etc whom Gurudev liked very much.

Gurudas can never forget the experience of a particular day when he was playing the "Dashkushi Tal" in Mridanga and dancing in front of Siva-Guru who was in deep meditation. It revealed to him that he was surrounded by a number of divine beings dancing with that "dashkushi Tal" with cheers. He had no worldly sense. He stopped playing and dancing only on the voice of Gurudev with great pleasure and satisfaction. There are many other exciting evidences of His supreme spiritual power known to the most intimate disciples which cannot be brought to the public due to obvious reasons.

In January 1987 a yogna (sacrifice on fire) for three days was arranged for the world peace by the order of the saint. Kirtan had to be started in the morning. But a new unexpected problem arose due to playing of a pair of snakes in the pandal. People old and youth including noisy children were enjoying the game. Some woman requested to place a new cloth before them. According to a village saying or belief, snakes playing on new cloth have precious diamond (moni). However, it was a question to start Kirtan without delay after driving them away from the pandal. But the playful snakes did not bother our difficulty.

Gurudas informed the matter to Gurudev and sought an advice. He replied, "Everything need not be brought to my attention. Apply your common sense." Gurudas came to the snakes with courage and prayed to them to leave the pandal. One snake left the place then and there and the other playing after sometimes on the roof of the house of Gurudev in presence of all suddenly vanished.

Once, Gurudev was trembling with cold in the midnight. He asked His obedient disciple Sri Khushi Ranjan to go with some new clothes and to cover the Siva-Lingam in the Siva Temple and Lord Giridari, the domestic deity of Goswami Family of the village Brahmanshahsan. By obeying the order of Sadguru the devotee felt himself most lucky and came back to submit completion report to the Siva-Guru with his experience. Then Gurudev was quite happy and physically fine.

Gurudev always advised the devotees who followed and sang the glories of Lord Sri Krishna and Mahaprabhu to take vegetarian meals for their own benefit. Pure vegetarian meals make both body and mind sound. The spiritual aspirants must follow for their upliftment in spiritual field.

Gurudas earnestly sought permission for voluntary retirement so as to do the services of Gurudev. Gurudev totally opposed to the idea. He also told Khushi Ranjan to continue his service. He said with affection, "You don't know the significance of the services of the guru (spiritual master). It is the duty of the disciples to obey the orders of the preceptor. The knowledge of sadguru is automatically descendible to completely surrendered disciple. If you have a definite aim to serve your spiritual master and if He actually needs your service He will get it done by you even if He leaves his material body. You should know the term Guru (spiritual master) first and then the significance of His services. What to speak of men even the divine beings have no knowledge of real services to Guru (spiritual master). Guru himself knows and truly He serves himself. You will not understand this mystery. So, you just obey His orders and remain obedient."

He proceeded in saying, "Nobody likes to be a servant rather likes to be the master as of the fruitless efforts of a goat to eat grass by passing the horse. You may find lakhs of preceptors, but servant hardly one. So training of servant is a must. The process of training is to surrender completely to the lotus feet of the preceptor if he is really a sadguru (spiritual master). The instruction so far given must be followed without question & confusion."

After normal retirement you can do the services of your guru. Now you can do the same routine duties to your Guru, in human form. But after his demise you will find endless duties & responsibilities. You will have to prepare yourself for the final test of training of the servant."

Gurudas thinks himself as a shameless offender that he has tested his guru in different ways. Guru tolerated with patience. Now the time is for Gurudas to appear at various tests to qualify himself as real "Gurudas" (the servant of spiritual master).

Sadguru Mounibaba was so kind that no word or language could express the reality of His divinity. Gurudas cannot repay the debt even by shedding tears during life time and afterwards. Some of his important instructions will be incorporated at the end of this mysterious life story.

Now-a-days, in the age of computer readers have no patience to read a big book. Mind does not want to shorten the divine story. But the time is short, life is also short. So, with deep regret Gurudas will bring to you the last portion of playful activities of the super human.

## PART 10

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In October 1988 festival of Durga Puja was celebrated at Ranibari Ashram by the order of Mounibaba with a view to rouse the power of Divine mother in our woman of the society. Sivaguru knows the purpose of Sakti Puja (worship of the divine power) and its consequence. Gurudas got a new life during this Puja as already stated in forgoing paragraphs. Sakti puja is not mere enjoyment of new dress, enjoying holidays, beating of drum, singing, dancing, etc but the source of acquiring the strength of mind to face boldly the troubles that may come in course of life and above all devotion to God in order to remove ignorance, vice and demonic nature. Sivaguru Sri Sri Mounibaba showed the lively worship of divine mother Goddess Durga and the devotees over flew with devotion including the priest on the last day of Puja. The devotees present would never forget the experience by self realisation beyond description by the grace of Sivaguru (spiritual master).

In the month of January 1989 Sri Sri Mounibaba ordered for three days yogna (sacrifice on fire) for world peace. Due to recent earthquake in Russia, Nepal and Darbanga in India thousands of people died. In order to safe guard the people from fatal destruction due to natural calamities and diseases, the saints like Sri Sri Mounibaba for welfare of mankind usually find out the ways and means and allow common people to participate as part of education and moral duty, towards the fellow beings residing all over the world. However, the yogna was performed with kirtan, reading of religious books like Srimad Bhagbad Gita and Srimad Bhagbad. Thousands of people attended the religious function. Divine atmosphere prevailed by the grace of super human and unexpected change in many lives ushered in a new era.

Sadguru Sri Sri Mounibaba became "Kalpataru" (wish yielding tree) for three days during the period of yogna. He ordered his close disciple to fix the visiting hours excluding the inauspicious portion of the day (barbela and kalbela and Kalratri) for the devotees who wanted to see Him for His blessings. It was also instructed that nobody should ask any question to the saint. Their desire would automatically be fulfilled. Normally His door remained closed and even the disciples did not enter his room without permission. However, the devotees and the outsiders who attended the celebration got an unexpected chance to visit the saint and to get their desire fulfilled. Some wanted job, some prayed for the marriage of daughter, the childless for a child, the chronic patient for cure and hardly anyone for liberation from the bondage of worldly life loosing the easily available comforts and worldly happiness.

One devotee seemed to be sick in a serious stage in the eyes of common people, by the mysterious influence of the name of God (Radha-Krishna Lila Kirtan). One woman approached with sympathy to cure the disease of the sickly devotee presuming the case of epilepsy by the charm of an amulet. She had no idea of the glory or the influence of the name of God (Hare Krishna). However, she was told to go back as that sort of disease would be cured by



the mercy of name of God alone and not by any other material charm. Whenever, such Kirtan was performed in the ashram by the order of Sadguru Sri Sri Mounibaba such miraculous things happened by the influence of name of God amongst the number of devotees and witnessed by the people with surprise. However, the festival ended with a mark of inspiration, devotion, everlasting joy and faith on the mercy of Saint Sri Sri Mounibaba and His divinity. On the other hand the close disciples were thinking otherwise on seeing the present activities of Sadguru which was ultimately the sign of His departure from the worldly life. The devotees who came from Calcutta and other places left the Ashram with blessings from the Sadguru. All outward duties towards mankind were probably completed by this yogna and as such Gurudev took bed for final rest for His material body within a short time.

Gurudas and Khushi Ranjan came to Ranibari again on receipt of letter and telegram in January 1989 before yogna and paid full attention in nursing and other services of Sivaguru Sri Sri Mounibaba. The close and attending devotee Gurudasi had been doing the services of sad guru Sri Sri Mounibaba almost alone. Her father Sri Anadinath Bhattacharjee and mother Srimati Jyotsna Devi did their best in the services of Gurudev till the end of His material life with devotion and love. Some other devotees of the village and neighbouring areas including his elder son with family often came to enquire about the health of the saint. Dr.Biman Kanti Sendas also attended gurudev. Gurudasi and Khushi Ranjan stayed with Gurudev for His services. The experience of those remarkable auspicious days with Sadguru is beyond description. Attendants were anxious about His health because He took only a little liquid with spoon. He was all along busy with His yoga. He announced earlier that He would not die. He will leave His material body at His will through Yoga. So, the attending disciples knew very well that once He has determined to give up the material body at the age of 95 years, no worldly doctor could improve his physical condition. Moreover, He had no sufferings at all. He was quite normal giving instructions affectionately to the disciples till the end.

Gurudev had some ulcer or bed sore in worldly language on the right side of the body without pain or any sort of sufferings. Pieces of flesh fell out like broken cemented plaster from the wall of a house without blood and pus from His body. As attending physician engaged by Gurudev, Gurudas with utter surprise tried to repair the wounds with powder of biochemic medicine just for own satisfaction as the treatment had no fruitful effect on the body of the mysterious playful patient. From His foot as if filtered water was continuously flowing. On a query Gurudev said, "It is the affect of earthquake on my body and regarding water melted ice of Himalayas is flowing from the wound". None had the courage to question Him again. It remained a mystery. Everybody kept silence with surprise. Whole right side of the body from foot to head was dry as if the bones were just covered by rough dry skin. Whole left side from the middle of the body if presumed in two parts from foot to head was beautifully shaped like a healthy woman. When He passed away, the close devotees who paid their last homage on His lotus feet with broken heart was surprised to find no sign of bed sore in His body and wound on His foot where

from cold water was flowing. That remained as a mystery forever in the minds of devotees.

Few days before His passing away once Gurudas made a plan to worship Sadguru Sri Sri Mounibaba who seemed to him as the incarnation of Lord Shiva. Accordingly he arranged necessary things such as flowers, Bel Leaves, etc. Gurudev affectionately asked him as to what he was thinking. However, Gurudev permitted Gurudas to perform His puja as determined and also taught him the correct procedure of worship. Later Gurudashi and Khushi Ranjan were also allowed to perform the puja along with Gurudas as prayed for. Thus after the worship the truth of Sri Sri Mounibaba being the incarnation of Lord Shiva was confirmed. Kirtan and recitation from Bhagbad Gita and discussions on doctrine of devotion, ultimate principle and various yogic matters were parts of daily life in the services of Shiva guru. As a result the attending disciples almost forgot their worldly existence in such heavenly atmosphere by the grace of the spiritual master who had unlimited love and affection for His disciples. His simplicity and sweet behaviour with the intimate disciples made the relation friendly as own self without fear.

One interesting and educative event cannot be ignored. One night kirtan was arranged. Gurudas and Dr. Biman Kanti Sendas brought some fruits for kirtan and daily bhog for Gurudev. They were dividing the number of fruits in presence of Gurudev. Problem was created while dividing the fruits specially coconut and oranges. Out of three coconuts, one was separated for gurudev and two for God Hari to be offered in kirtan. Similarly due to inequality of numbers, oranges were separated for Gurudev less than the share of God Hari. Discussions on such partial distribution were also going on in front of Gurudev who was so long silent. When the share of Gurudev was offered to Him He became furious saying, "what, your deity God Hari being unknown to you who cannot receive by hand and eat in your presence will get more than your living guru who will receive, eat and will give you Prasad. It means you think your guru lower than the deity. What type of devotion you have towards your Guru? You take all this away. I will not accept your offer."

Gurudas was puzzled and ashamed of His ignorance to Sadguru. According to religious scripture the place of Sadguru is above incarnation of God. Sadguru has the power to liberate the ignorant from worldly bondage. Then Gurudasi, the most intimate attending disciple of SadGuru solved the problem. She said, "Give entire fruits and sweets to Gurudev. He is our living God Hari." Then the whole things were offered to Him with tears and begging pardon for the mistake. The ever loving Sadguru kindly accepted the offer with joy and said, "Well, this is the right way of devotion to Sadguru. You must learn. Though Sadguru is also a man in your presence, you should not differentiate God and Guru. God is Guru of all. Still God receives your offer through His living form Sadguru. You cannot receive mercy from God directly but you will get through your Guru. This is a mystery no doubt but it is true as per divine rules". Thereafter fruits and sweets were offered to Sadguru who tasted a few and Prasad was distributed to the devotees.

One devotee came from Silchar to visit the super human Sri Sri Mounibaba at Ranibari Ashram. Sri Sri Baba gave mahaprasad to His disciples by His hand. That devoted woman also raised her hand for mahaprasad but she was not given. On seeing her face the Godly man said to her, "You are not my disciple. You cannot get this Prasad. I think your Guru is also present here. So you get your Prasad from Him to get spiritual strength and devotion. Your Guru gets spiritual power from me which will subsequently be passed on to you as per spiritual rules. You should not bypass your Guru thinking Him an ordinary man if you want spiritual upliftment in life. However, she got Prasad from her Guru who was present at that time and also she got a lesson from the saint forever, which was educative to others too.

Mahayogeswar Sri Sri Mounibaba having attained the eight accomplishments by meditation did never show His spiritual power except such situation warranted. In the last stage of His material life He closed His hands and opened at the time of demise. Gurudas asked Him about this. He replied simply, "you will not understand I have kept 180 cannons in my fist to save the world from destruction. This area ranging 40 miles is safe from any atomic action even."

While lying in bed at the last stage His bed sheet had to be changed daily by lifting up His heavy body by four to six people with great difficulties. Such persons were also not available every day. One day finding no other alternative the attending disciple Khushi Ranjan prayed to Gurudev reminding Him of his spiritual power to reduce His body weight. Gurudev smiled at him sympathetically and then Khushi Ranjan and Gurudashi lifted him easily and changed the bed sheet. In some days Gurudashi alone could lift Him as a baby and change His clothes and bed sheet, etc. So the influence of His acquired eight accomplishments was focussed. Sometimes when key or any other valuable things was not traceable, the helpless devotees prayed to Gurudev and the lost thing could be found.

Whenever a devotee is sick with extreme pain or other ailments, hearty prayer to Sadguru gives them tremendous relief. Once on the day of celebration of Gurudev's birthday at Kimin, Arunachal Pradesh in June 1978, Gurudas could not stand and walk due to severe backache. Arrangements for bhajan kirtan were made by other people. Gurudas sat on his seat with great difficulties and started reading from the Gita and discussed on the life of Sri Sri Mounibaba. Thereafter kirtan was started in the heavenly atmosphere. The invitees present were flowing with divine joy. Suddenly, Gurudas saw the vision of Sri Sri Mounibaba enjoying kirtan in smiling face standing near the door in the eastern side where His photograph was placed with flower garland, etc. The condition of Gurudas was beyond description on the sight of Gurudev and His disappearance in the twinkling of an eye. Gurudas forgot his severe backache and behaved in such a way that he had no sufferings at all. This was surprising to Dr. K.K. Das and other invitees who were enjoying kirtan with joy.

Another disciple came to visit Shivaguru Mounibaba. He was also trying to achieve spiritual power from Shivaguru by rendering some services to Him

duly bypassing his Guru. God when incarnates also does not break the spiritual rules. So that devotee's activities in excess of limit could not probably be endured by God and as such he was given punishment in different ways.

Preceptorship adopted for earning bread and butter in a commercial term is also seen in our society. Some become self styled saint with long hair and beard wearing reddish cloth and trident (trishul) in hand. As soon as they acquire some power by spiritual practices, they think to be successful and start business by showing various charms. Weak minded people believe in such charms and with the expectation of some material gains they become prey in the hand of the so called saint. They also out of fear donate a lot of money to the sadhu. Such self styled saints or gurus enjoy life in pomp and splendour in guise of self style super human or incarnation of God through their agents. Real super human does not need to advertise himself and spend simple life without publicity for name and fame and earning money for material enjoyment.

It is also a fact that the real saints hides themselves and enjoy divine love and happiness. Their silent activities for the welfare of mankind cannot be imagined by ordinary people. Sometimes their appearance in society with open activities on the direction of the supreme power creates the joyous atmosphere and the peace loving devotees overflow with devotion and love. They also simplify the process of spiritual practices which can easily be accepted by the most ordinary people too. Kindness of Sri Sri Mounibaba in this respect will never be forgotten by those disciples/devotees who have got the essence of truth by simplified spiritual practices. Though He was the ocean of love yet His yogic calibre was extraordinary following the yogic process of Mahayogi Gorakhnath. He simplified the method of various yogic practices easily acceptable by man and woman enjoying domestic life.

One night at about 9.00pm He ordered Khushi Ranjan to go to Ishwarshri about 7km from ashram on foot through the lonely village path. The devotee had no courage to disregard the orders of Gurudev. He had much fear in his mind still he left the ashram with firm belief that gurudev will save him. After going about 1km from own village area, he saw a big dog was following him keeping a little distance. At first he was afraid of the dog and suddenly it came to his mind that the dog will not harm him which might have been sent by gurudev as his guard. Really when Khushi Ranjan reached the destination before the normal time taken by foot he saw the dog disappeared.

Gurudas and Khushi Ranjan were ordered with affection to go back to their duty station on 26 February 1989. They spent about 25 nights sleeplessly with great joy. In some nights they hardly had an hours sleep. They felt no necessity to go to sleep and nobody other than themselves will know how the nights had been spent. Gurudev made all so happy that they felt themselves in a different world where only joy and joy prevailed.

On the previous night of the day they left ashram, Gurudas and Khushi Ranjan burst into tears as they would never get any further chance to sit under the

feet of the Shivaguru to do some services in His pleasure, to listen to His sweet voice with affection, to see His smiling face with eyes in the loving human form, to touch His lotus feet which is even desired by the divine beings, to speak to Him as own beloved person, who's mercy without reason made the ignorant, ugly and the unfortunate worldly person divine with love. That departure from Gurudev would again throw them into the world of confusion, vice, indiscipline and nasty atmosphere.

Mental condition of the helpless devotees was extremely bad for fear of depression and sudden downfall from the heaven to the hell in the worldly life again losing their beloved Godly master. Gurudev remained calm and quiet. Later He said in consolatory language, "I understand your feelings. It is our last meeting no doubt. I will leave this material body soon but I will remain in Shiva Mantra 'Om Namastubhyon Biru Paksha Namasthe Divya Chakshuse, Namo Pinako Hastaya Bajra Hastaya Boi Namoh.' Your remembrance and homage to me with above mantra (hymn) will reach me and all devotees will get the response. Don't worry I will not die but I will leave the material body which everyone has to do. Real devotees will never think that their Guru is no more. Sadguru always dwells in your heart. Your ultimate destination will be the same as of your guru. For the time being you will have to endure my departure from this material body and face the worldly problems whatever that may come depending on the desire of your guru with patience. Guru is with you and will guard you."

Gurudas with broken heart put last valuable question and Gurudev replied with joy and assurance, "Oh yes! Certainly I will come when you pass away from your material body." With that assurance from Sadguru, Gurudas made His mind strong to face any problem in course of life and to go forward by singing the glories of Sadguru Sri Sri Mounibaba.

To the bereaved disciples the most unlucky day was 8<sup>th</sup> March 1989 Wednesday though it was lucky for the saint to free Himself from the cage of material body and to go back to His original supreme felicity. That day from morning Gurudev was deeply engaged in His Yogic practice uttering 'OM' with loud voice and sometimes kept quite silent. He took His liquid diet as usual. The attending disciple Gurudashi was sent by Gurudev to Sri Sri Radhagovinda Temple for Bhog. Dr. Biman Kanti Sendas, a devotee was watching the yogic activities of Mahayogeshwar from the window.

It was 2pm. In the open body of the Yogeshwar, clear indication of force of yogic breathing was all along noticed and followed by him with curiosity. Suddenly the breathing was stopped forever as observed by Dr. Sendas. Then he was sure that Gurudev had gone out of the body with last forceful breath. He cried out and called Gurudashi to come soon.

Gurudashi came soon and felt the stoppage of pulse beating. The sad news was spread soon over the villagers and relatives. People started coming to pay their last homage to the departed soul. The body was under observation for a longer period with the expectation of life. At last on the advice of

experienced men there, His holy material body was buried with full honour and respect.

Sadguru Sri Sri Mounibaba, the Mahayogeshwar left His material body but cluster of rays were visible many a days in the room and on His spiritual seat where he was lying. Many inhuman or mysterious events had taken place after His passing away known from Gurudashi and other close devotees. People with material knowledge will not believe but it was revealed that Sadguru Sri Sri Mounibaba came to take rest on His holy bed even after He passed away. Even now also His presence is revealed by His very close devotees while on deep meditation before the holy seat and his Shiva Lingum Sachchidananda Natheshwar.

## PART 11

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Sri Sri Mounibaba is no more in material body but remains evergreen in the eventful deeds. Devotees have got the proof of His truthful words. While He was in material body, his importance was limited to a few close devotees. After his demise many fortunate people began to believe in His divinity either in dream or in normal course of life through various activities. Heartfelt prayers to this lively human deity have become fruitful in number of cases and people are very much interested to worship his portrait. Frequent letters are received from West Bengal, Orissa, Tripura and many places in Assam about His activities.

A few events after His demise are illustrated in succeeding paragraphs for information of the readers and devotees.

Sri Sanat Kumar Deb, a retired headmaster, though not a disciple but was a real devotee of Mounibaba. He got Sri Sri Baba's vision in the cluster of rays on his forehead before one week of His death and expressed his joy before Gurudas, Gurudashi and members of his family. He informed that he often saw the vision of Sri Sri Baba amidst the rays. He requested for Mahaprasad of annual 'Bishwa Hitakar Brahma Yagna' celebrated at Yagna Temple during that time. He took mahaprasad on Wednesday with great satisfaction and passed away on Friday with joy.

Sri Sri Mounibaba rightly said, "The saints or spiritual masters come to this world by the orders of the Almighty God not for a few initiated disciples but for the mankind and even the animals, small creatures, trees and creepers. Ordinary people do not believe in their capacity because of their human body and simple living." He also used to say, "Some men are like the insects. So, many saints or sants behave as child or mad or sometime as stone deaf or silent for fear of such insect like people who usually come for their material gains and create disturbance to peaceful meditation of the saints." For this reason, Mounibaba was also known as Pagla Baba.

A fruit tree of the Anandeshwar Shiva Temple at Ranibari village was sold to a Muslim person of Bashbari. He collected fruits breaking the branches of the tree. Gurudev appeared before him in dream and warned him not to collect fruits breaking the branches of the tree anymore. For the first time he was excused with a small punishment or blessings to offer agarbati, candle, sweets (patasha) worth Rupees 10.50p to Lord Shiva. That person could not sleep that night out of fear and in the next morning came to mandir. He paid Rs.11 and narrated the events in dream to Gurudashi with a request to offer the items to Lord Shiva and to pray for their welfare. Gurudashi however, arranged the said items for offering to Lord Shiva. On that day Gurudas suddenly arrived from Tripura and heard the event. He did kirtan with neighbouring devotees in the temple in the evening for welfare of the Muslim person and his family.

One night a young man of the neighbouring village saw in dream that Gurudev appeared before him and said with affection, "Well can you recognise me? I am that old man of Ranibari known in this area as Tush Sadhu. I see the good time before you. Do one thing. Just offer a candle and an agarbati at my burial place." Next day that person came to the eldest son of Gurudev and told the story of dream. He offered candle and agarbati accordingly. One businessman of the village was told in dream to arrange kirtan at His burial place. Kirtan was done accordingly.

A recent event has been intimated by Anjana, daughter of gurudas from London. She got rid of troubles and dangers arising out of abnormal position of her first baby during the course of her pregnancy, by the grace of Shiva Guru Mounibaba. She always prayed to Shiva Guru whole heartedly surrendering her to His lotus feet. Accordingly on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2000 she got her baby son, Master Sujay without caesarean section to the utter surprise of her attending doctor even. It is a fact that those who take the name of Mounibaba with devotion and pay homage to His lotus feet, they will enjoy both material prosperity as well as spirituality. Number of examples are there.

Prior to outbreak of war in Iraq, Gurudev suddenly said to Gurudashi, "Well, inform Krishna (Dr. Krishna Das Bhattacharjee who was on leave in India) not to go back to Saudi Arabia now as the war will break out soon." Dr. Krishna Bhattacharjee had no alternative but to go back and later on he realised the truth of the prediction and spiritual power of the saint.

When a disciple died at a far distant place the master Sri Sri Mounibaba used to tell His attending disciple well in advance. Though unbelievable to mass He used to say, "My disciple Sri..... has come to me after leaving his material body." "Sir, a number of disciples have so far expired and you say that they have come to you. How and where do they leave?" questioned by a disciple curiously. He answered calmly, "Yes, they have come to me and are staying in my ethereal body. You are still a boy so you can't believe now. I do not tell a lie. When I do the sacrifice on fire, Godly beings, super human, my dead disciples and many other beings living in another world eat and drink in my hand. You will believe this truth in future. Well pindos offered at funeral ceremony at home or at Goya in favour of the dead parents etc really reach them in some way or other according to our religious faith. So long you people enjoy worldly happiness you should continue your religious rites and have the blessings from God and forefathers.

Gurudev used to say. " There is an electron body in our material body. You talk of wireless telegram, television, computers and many other scientific inventions. To the saints or yogis these are as easy as water with their spiritual power they talk and see the persons living anywhere when they feel the need. The yogis can move with their material body through the sky wherever they like without using any scientific means of communication. Gurudev once told of a fish girl whom he noticed in the Pacific Ocean sitting on His holy seat in the Ashram. After a few days that fish girl was caught by the fisherman and the miraculous news was published in the front page of the



newspapers with its photograph.

Kindness of Sadguru Sri Sri Mounibaba is being felt by the devotees in daily life. Sadguru always keeps an eye on them, saves them, wants them and even punish them for their betterment. Such punishment severe or minor turns to blessings. Gurudas had a burning desire to visit pilgrimages particularly Sri Brindaban, Mathura, Nawadwip Dham, Puri, etc in 1979 which was turned down by his Sadguru Mounibaba. He was ordered to remain with guru at Kolkata Ashram showing no necessity of visiting pilgrimages. Gurudas was initially unhappy but when he understood the reality, his joy knew no bounds.

At the last stage of playful human life in 1989 once Gurudev ordered to visit all Baisnav Tirthas (important pilgrimages) after his demise. Gurudas was thinking on the hidden purpose of such unexpected order with utter surprise. However, he had no more desire to visit pilgrimages since all pilgrimages are living in Sadguru and experience so far received in the holy company and services of Sadguru was enough for this tiny life. Recently when Gurudas was almost fighting against death for last two months at the age of 68 years, despite strong objections from well wishers, he joined the ISKON team to visit the holy places with sister Gurudashi. He moved with ill health on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2002 and returned safely on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2002 by the grace of Sadguru. It was no doubt a miracle and in accordance with order of Gurudev after more than a decade. The team visited all the important pilgrimages of northern India and lastly Nawadip Dham/Mayapur.

## PART 12

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God is everywhere and is not confined at a particular temple or place. The playful activities of former incarnations of God or Godly super human at various places will draw the attention of the devotees. So people are encouraged to visit holy places for self education, devotion and love to the Almighty. God is our own and permanent refuge for both material and spiritual upliftment. The influence of sacred dust of Sri Brindaban and sacred water of the Ganges cannot be described in words. It is a matter of self realisation by the grace of Sadguru.

However, the sum total of the aforesaid visit by Gurudas as much learnt and realised are such as following the path of devotion and love for God, service to His creation without self interest, giving respect to others, giving up pride for worldly education, knowledge, health, wealth, false vanity, greed, anger, hatred, malice, passion and even personality and above all surrender to the lotus feet of Sadguru (all powerful spiritual master) to enjoy a successful human life.

Surrender is not easy as Guru is also a man and He cannot be easily placed on the seat of deity or God unless one disciple fully understands the greatness and gravity of man guru who has only the selfless spiritual relation with disciples and has the supreme authority to grant salvation and devotion. Gurudas does not like to go further with his little learning to narrate the life of Sadguru Sri Sri Mounibaba who seemed to him and many other close devotees as living Shiva. The devout readers may satisfy themselves with the divinity already in them.

Some important instructions of Sri Sri Mounibaba given to the disciples at times are given in the fore going paragraphs.

It is an appeal to all to follow the universal truth "Humanity" which has the top most place in all religious principles. You need not change your religious faith. You practice your religion with devotion and determination for your upliftment. Your good behaviour, good character and honest living with simplicity will surely enlighten others. Those who have family must look after them with special care so that children do not go astray.

Death or destruction follows every birth or creation. So long you are alive; you have certain duties to your family, to your neighbours and to the society. You train yourself first. Know yourself. Have faith on your soul which remains unseen in your body. You are not the body you are the soul. Your body on death will be burnt into ashes or buried under soil. But remember you do not die because leaving this old body you are taking rebirth in another body. When you know yourself, you love yourself and your pure mind is bound to love others without hatred and malice.

You cannot give up greed, anger, lust and other evils but try to control them

knowing the bad affects of their existence. The simple ways to control them are repetition of name of God, singing the praises of God, study of scriptures mainly Srimad Bhagbad Gita and Srimad Bhagbad, visiting the holy places and holy man (saints). Influence of merciful look and speech of Godly man or saint is unique to attain devotion and perfection in life. Always avoid bad companion, indiscipline, jealousy, hatred, selfishness, corruption and malice. Wants are unlimited. As such nobody is satisfied with what he has possessed.

Remain satisfied with what you have. God is very kind. You need not ask or pray for any material thing. If you be a man, a devotee, God will supply you everything what you actually deserve. You don't know what you should pray to God. If you pray to God for devotion only you will get everything. Domestic life is safe. A devotee whole time busy with domestic affairs, keeps his mind in God. He knows so long God desires he will have to work for God. What you do, what you think and what you eat offer to God devotionally. Then every action will be just and right at His will.

Don't try to be a master. Better remain as a learner as your learning will never be completed in a life time. Again if you become a real servant to God nothing is impossible in your life if God desires. Just go on seeing His games and try to understand the reality. A devotee surrenders completely to the lotus feet of God or Sadguru and as such he is safe and free from material cares and anxieties.

It is foolish to apply cleverness on spiritual master. If you really believe in his spiritual capability, you will automatically get what you deserve. Guru (spiritual master) is father's father, but the friend in real sense without self interest. It is the only way to do some services honestly and sincerely to the spiritual master as an obedient student and to carry out His order as far as possible. The master who has absolute knowledge in the spirituality will undoubtedly lift His devoted disciple to divinity.

A spiritual master is also a man and He had to achieve the stage where he stands now with tremendous efforts which you cannot imagine. You need not or cannot do such hard practices. You do simply what you have been told to do and have faith on the words of your Guru. Try to help your disciple brothers and others too. Deal with them politely and sympathetically without breaking their religious faith. As you do not want disturbance from any corner, you should not also disturb others for your own interest. The worldly life is very short. After death rebirth is a must so the efforts must be made from right now to follow the path of devotion to God so that you can get your rebirth as human being in a better atmosphere.

There is no want of instructions and directions on spiritual matters in the world. But remember teachings of Lord Sri Krishna given in Srimad Bhagbad Gita relating to the human life are sufficient and you are only to follow. Bhajan/kirtan on a regular basis will help you to achieve devotion and to overcome all worldly sufferings by the grace of God. Ever moving mind disturbed in worldly affairs may be controlled through Nam kirtan and Satsangh.

You are afraid of your enemies for comforts and life. They are numbering six residing in your body and leading you to death by very slow degrees which you do not understand. If you desire, you can turn them as friends to your constructive purpose with the help of your controlled mind. By virtue of donation, selfless service and by alms giving mind broadens. A miser neither donates nor does he enjoy riches. When you give alms to a beggar give devotionally as if giving to God.

Pay respect to women and do not look at them with evil design. The society where women are neglected and tortured will be ruined. Religion is also protected by women being the part of divine mother. Education and all round development of women are essential. They should not, of course, forget their pure duties and responsibilities. The society needs pure souls at this juncture. Accomplished and devoted mothers can save the society from ruin by producing good children who will make the foundation strong and lead the nation to an ideal welfare state.

Don't idle away the time. Do some work for your health and mind. Avoid gossiping. Better read good books specially life of great souls. If you show defects or point out the faults of others with good intention it will help them to rectify. But if you criticise to harass a person it is a vice. Better find out own faults and find out the good qualities of others.

When you suffer mentally due to a shock from others, think again and again deeply to realise the repercussion of your unjust action. Nothing happens without reason. The mystery of any action good or bad is not known to all. So it is advised to do even the domestic work for God in order to get rid of working bondage.

To change or to modify the bad habit you should follow the ideals of a super man. Though you are born as man, yet you will have to acquire the humanity. Without humanity, your education, good looking appearance, riches, name and fame are all meaningless. If you have acquired humanity, your small contribution to mankind is of great importance. Total change of habit may not be possible but efforts must be made to form good habit.

Everything is done according to the will of God. Time factor also cannot be denied. At all times good or bad, happiness and misery, depend on the pleasure of God. You cannot buy God by any material thing, but remember your true love has such an impact which can bind the Almighty God forever. If you really want permanent peace and happiness, love God. A real devotee has no other desire except sincere services to God.

God is not normally seen by eyes but he can be seen or realised through His creation and miraculous action. A devotee when determined about God's existence in form or formless, he sincerely engages all his sense organs in the services of God and his over flown and unlimited joy crosses the barrier. So, success in spiritual practices depends on devotion equally to God and the

spiritual master.

The ever powerful name of God given by the spiritual master be repeated in the process already taught regularly with sincerity and firm belief of sure success, three times a day i.e. morning, noon and evening. Those who are in jobs can perform at morning and evening. The person who wants success will find out the suitable time at his own convenience. In the similar way those who are in yogic practice should do without idleness. Remember the success in spiritual practices depends on the mercy of spiritual master who has the key in His hand at the will of Almighty God. So, the disciples must obey the orders of Sadguru (the spiritual master) without confusion in accordance with spiritual laws.

You don't know that the Sadguru takes the responsibilities of the disciples who have come across a number of births and deaths to enlighten them and to lead them to the ultimate goal where the soul rests in peace and divine joy forever. So, the debt of Sadguru can never be repaid by material wealth. Guru is happy when His disciple reaches the goal. Sadguru also leaves His material body but does not die. He always helps and guides His disciples even after His material demise. It is a fact and the spiritual aspirants believe this truth as they always get the response from Guru when they call Him whole heartedly. This is the spiritual mystery but the truth is believed and respected for success.

In brief an attempt has been made to focus the eventful life of one of the greatest saints of the world, who was so long all most unknown to mass people due to His strong objection in publicity during His lifetime. Gurudas sincerely expects that his poor and immature attempt may give a scope to the devoted readers to satisfy themselves with the eventful life of a super human. Errors and lapses may kindly be excused.

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